

THE GOSPEL OF

JOHN

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JESUS CHRIST
as
THE SON OF GOD
and as
GOD THE SON

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Gospel of John

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Key Verses: (John 20:30-31) ³⁰*And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:* ³¹*But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.*

- 1 Christ the Eternal Word tabernacling among men. And His first disciples.
- 2 The First Sign. Turning water into wine and the first cleansing of the Temple.
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- 4 Winning the woman at the well; and the healing of the Nobleman's son
- 5 The healing of the lame man at the pool of Bethesda. The controversy it lead to.
- 6 The Feeding of the five thousand. Stilling the storm.
- 7 Feast of the Tabernacles. Passage on the Holy Spirit. verses 37-39.
- 8 Christ the Sinner's friend. Christ the Light of the World.
- 9 Giving sight to the man born blind.
- 10 Jesus the Good Shepherd.
- 11 Christ the Resurrection and the Life.
- 12 The Supper at Bethany. The Triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
- 13 Washing the Disciples feet.
- 14 Let not your heart be troubled. The Heavenly Home and the way there.
- 15 Fruitbearing.
- 16 The Holy Spirit as Comforter.
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Review of Gospel of John

Special Scriptures

1. (1:1-3) Jesus, the Word, with God & was God - Creator.
2. (1:10-13) In World, made by Him, Knew Him not.
3. (1:14) Word made flesh (Became Man).
4. (1:23) Voice of One crying in the Wilderness (John the Baptist).
5. (1:29, 36) Behold the Lamb of God.
6. (2:1-10) 1st Miracle – 'Water to Wine'.
7. (2:5) "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."
8. (2:13-16) 1st Cleansing of the Temple '*House of merchandise.*'
9. (2:18-22) Only sign given '*Destroy this temple. . . 3 days*' (Resurrection).
10. (3:1-16) New Birth – Nicodemus comes to Jesus by night.
11. (3:14-15) As Moses lifted up Serpent, so must Son of Man be lifted up.
12. (3:16) Key Verse of Whole Bible.
13. (3:30) He must increase – I must decrease.
14. (4:1-42) Woman at the Well – (v. 14) '*Water of Life.*'
15. (4:43-54) Nobleman's Son healed.
16. (5:1-9) Pool of Bethesda – Impotent man healed.
17. (6:1-14) Feeding of 5000 (5 loaves --- 2 fishes).
18. (6:15-21) Stilling the Storm – Jesus walking on water.
19. (8:1-11) Woman taken in adultery.
20. (9:1-12) Man born blind – eyes opened.
21. (10:1-15) Jesus Christ – '*The Good Shepherd*' (also, Jesus the '*Door*').
22. (Ch. 11) Lazarus raised from the dead.
23. (12:1-8) Feast of Bethany – Mary anoints Jesus.
24. (12:12-19) Triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
25. (Ch. 13) The Lord's Supper – Turning point for Judas.
26. (Ch. 14) The Comfort Chapter – '*I am the way, truth, and life.*'
27. (Ch. 15) The Vine & the Branches – Fruitfulness.
28. (Ch. 16) The Ministry of the Holy Spirit – The Spirit of Truth.
29. (Ch. 17) Our Lord's High-Priestly Prayer.
30. (Ch. 18) Betrayal, Arrest & Illegal Trials of Jesus (Peter's 3 denials).
31. (Ch. 19) Crucifixion of Jesus – Burial of Jesus by Joseph & Nicodemus.
32. (Ch. 20) The Resurrection & several appearances of Jesus.
33. (20:30-31) KEY VERSES of John – Why Gospel of John was written.
34. (Ch. 21) Jesus shows Himself to Disciples at Sea of Galilee. Peter's 3 professions of Love & Peter's death foretold. Conclusion of John's Gospel.

SPECIAL SOUL-WINNING VERSES:

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. (1:10-12) | 13. (12:32, 36) |
| 2. (3:16) | 14. (13: 34-35) |
| 3. (3:18, 36) | 15. (14:1-6) |
| 4. (4:10, 14) | 16. (14:23, 27) |
| 5. (5:24) | 17. (15:13-16) |
| 6. (5:39-40) | 18. (16:8-11) |
| 7. (6:35, 37, 48, 67-69) | 19. (16:33) |
| 8. (7:37-39) | 20. (17:3, 17, 19) |
| 9. (8:32) | 21. (20:21, 29) |
| 10. (10:11) | 22. (20:30-31) |
| 11. (10:27-30) | 23. (21:15-17) |
| 12. (11:26-26) | |

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

90-95 A.D.

DATEWRITTEN

John 20:30-31

KEY VERSES

21 Chapters

Number of Chapters

'Believe' 101 Times

KEY WORD

AUTHOR: **John the Apostle** – John was the youngest of the Twelve Apostles and lived the longest (100 years) and was the only one of the Apostles to die peaceably. He was one of the Inner Circle (Peter, James and John). John was the son of Zebedee and Salome (Mk. 1:19-20) and the brother of James. He was a Galilean fisherman and apparently from a well-to-do home (Mk. 15:40-41). John often referred to himself as the *'disciple whom Jesus loved'* (John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7; and 21:20).

The **Apostle John** wrote 5 New Testament books:

1. **THE GOSPEL OF JOHN** — **SALVATION.**
2. **THE EPISTLES OF JOHN** — **ASSURANCE.**
3. **THE BOOK OF REVELATION** – **HOPE.**

The Apostle John was present with the Inner Circle at:

- 1 **The Transfiguration,**
- 2 **The Garden of Gethsemane, &**
- 3 **The Raising of Jairus' daughter from the dead.**

THEME: The Book of John presents Jesus Christ as *'The SON of GOD.'* As the Son of God He came to **REVEAL** and **REDEEM**.

INTRODUCTION: The Gospel of John is a Gospel of Theology, the Gospel of **Who Jesus Was**. Someone has said that *'The Gospel of John has a front door and a back door and the key to unlock the front door is found in **John 1:12**, and the key for the back door is found in **John 20:30-31**.'* This Gospel has often been called the *'Holy of Holies,'* the Spiritual Gospel, the Eagle Gospel (because it soars higher, goes deeper & sees clearer), in fact, it is the very **Heart of the Gospels**. The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark & Luke) emphasize the **Out-ward and Physical Facts of our Lord's Ministry** while John emphasizes the **Spiritual** and **calls for a Decision**.

The Gospel of John can be summed up in 3 words: **LIFE, LIGHT, & LOVE.**

KEY WORDS: **'Believe'** is used 101 times in this Gospel and literally gives the heart-beat of the Book. These other words and phrases are also predominant: **'Life'** (or some form: Live, Liveth. . . 39 times); **'Verily, Verily'** (Truly, truly --- speaking with Authority. . . 25 times); **'The Father'** or **'My Father'** (156 times); **'Jew'** (69 times); **'Abide'** (41 times); **'World'** (79 times); **'Know'** (117 times); **'Love'** (57 times).

KEY VERSES: (John 20:30-31) *'And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, **the SON of GOD**; and that believing ye might have life through His name.'*

OUTLINE of JOHN

I. LIFE ETERNAL (Source of Life) Witnessing Word --- Word in PROMISE.

Chapter 1. The LIGHT, the LIFE, the LAMB.

LIFE EXPRESSED.

2. The PRESENCE, the PASSION, the POWER.

LIFE EXHIBITED.

3. The DECLARATION, the DEMONSTRATION, the DISPLAY.

LIFE EXPLAINED.

4. The WOMAN, the WATER, the WELL.

LIFE EXPERIENCED.

5. The WORLD, the WORK, the WITNESS.
The WORDS, the WORKS, the WRITINGS.

LIFE EMBODIED.

6. The FOOD, the FEAR, the FAITH.

LIFE ENDOWED.

7. The JEW, the JUDGE, the JUDGMENT.

LIFE EXPANDED.

II. LIGHT ESSENTIAL (Strength of Light) WRITTEN WORD - Word in POWER.

Chapter 8. The WRITING, the WITNESS, the WARNING.

LIGHT EXPOSING.

9. The BEGGER, the BLESSING, the BLIND.

LIGHT ENLIGHTENING.

10. The SHEPHERD, the SHEEP, the SOVEREIGN.

LIGHT ELECTING.

11. The SUFFERING, the SYMPATHY, the SUCCOUR.

LIGHT EDUCATING.

12. The REVIEW, the RIDE, the REVELATION.

LIGHT EXCELLING.

III. LOVE EFFECTUAL (Secret of Love) WORKING WORD - Word in PERSON.

Chapter 13. The SUPPER, the SAVIOUR, the SERVICE.

LOVE 'S EXAMPLE.

14. The PLAN, the PRAYER, the POWER.

LOVE'S EVIDENCE.

15. The ABIDING, the APPEALING, the ABHORING.

LOVE'S EXPERIENCE.

16. The FOE, the FAITH, the FUTURE.

LOVE'S ENDURANCE.

17. The PRIEST, the PRAYER, the PROVISION.

LOVE'S EXCELLENCE.

18. The DECEIVER, the DENIAL, the DELIVERY.

LOVE ENVISAGED.

19. The TRIAL, the TRAGEDY, the TRUST.

LOVE ECLIPSED.

20. The TOMB, the TRIUMPH, the TRANSITION.

LOVE ENTHRONED.

21. The LABOR, the LOVE, the LIFE.

LOVE ENHANCED.

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The Gospel of John
L I F E E T E R N A L

Chapters 1 thru 7

Chapter

1

LIFE EXPRESSED

The Light (1:4-5, 7-9)

The Life (1:4, 13-14)

The Lamb (1:29, 36)

Chapter

2

LIFE EXHIBITED

The Presence

The Passion

The Power

Chapter

3

LIFE EXPLAINED

The Declaration

The Demonstration

The Display

Chapter

4

LIFE EXPERIENCED

The Woman

The Water

The Well

Chapter

5

LIFE EMBODIED

The World

The Work

The Witness

Chapter

6

LIFE ENDOWED

The Food

The Fear

The Faith

Chapter

7

LIFE EXPANDED

The Jew

The Judge

The Judgment

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L I G H T E S S E N T I A L

Chapters 8 thru 12

Chapter

8

LIGHT EXPOSING

The Writing

The Witness

The Warning

Chapter

9

LIGHT ENLIGHTENING

The Beggar

The Blessing

The Blind

Chapter

10

LIGHT ELECTING

The Shepherd

The Sheep

The Sovereign

Chapter

11

LIGHT EDUCATING

The Suffering

The Sympathy

The Succour

Chapter

12

LIGHT EXCELLING

The Review

The Ride

The Revelation

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LOVE EFFECTUAL

The Gospel of John

Chapters 13 thru 21

Chapter
13

LOVE'S EXAMPLE

The Supper

The Saviour

The Service

Chapter
14

LOVE'S EVIDENCE

The Plan

The Prayer

The Power

Chapter
15

LOVE'S EXPERIENCE

The Abiding

The Appealing

The Abhorring

Chapter
16

LOVE'S ENDURANCE

The Foe

The Faith

The Future

Chapter
17

LOVE'S EXCELLENCE

The Priest

The Prayer

The Provision

Chapter
18

LOVE ENVISAGED

The Deceiver

The Denial

The Delivery

Chapter
19

LOVE EXCLIPSED

The Trial

The Tragedy

The Trust

Chapter
20

LOVE ENTHRONED

The Tomb

The Triumph

The Transtion

Chapter
21

LOVE ENHANCED

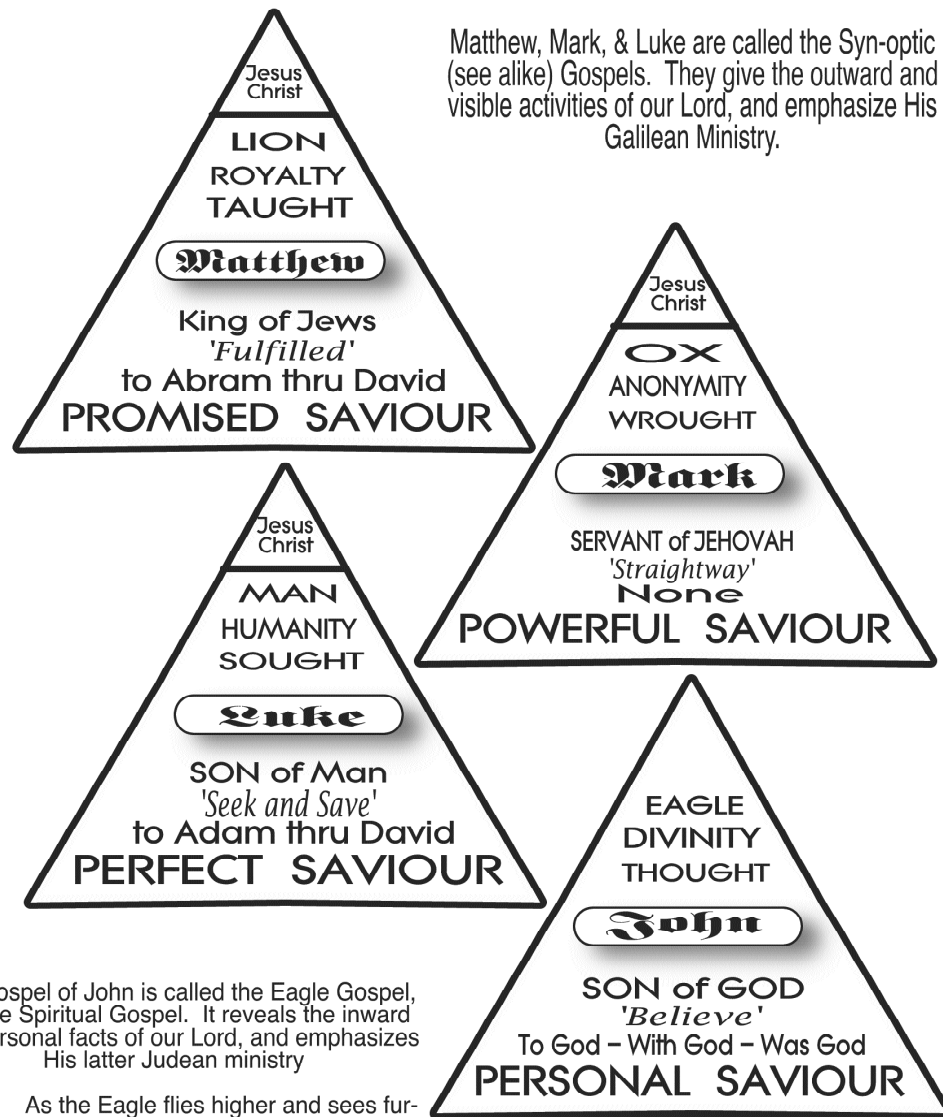
The Labor

The Love

The Life

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Biographical Sketch of Jesus Christ In the Four Gospels



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'I AM'

INTRO: The phrase '*I am*' is used at least 59 times in the Gospel of John.

Five times of John the Baptist, one time by Impotent man, one time by Apostle Peter. Fifty-two (52) times in reference to Jesus Christ:

5:43; 6:35; 6:41; 6:48; 6:51; 7:28; 7:28; 7:29; 7:34; 7:36; 8:12; 8:16;
8:18; 8:23; 8:23; 8:24; 8:28; 8:58; 9:5; 9:5; 9:39; 10:7; 10:9; 10:10;
10:11; 10:14; 10:36; 11:15; 11:25; 12:26; 12:46; 13:13; 13:19; 14:3; 14:6; 14:10;
14:11; 14:20; 15:1; 15:5; 16:32; 17:10; 17:11; 17:14; 17:16; 17:24; 18:5; 18:6;
18:8; 18:37; 19:21; 20:17.

Seven (7) of These are Expressive of Christ's
Saving Relationship toward Man.

Seven "I Am's"

1. **I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE** (6:35, 41, 48, 51)
2. **I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD** (8:12)
3. **I AM THE DOOR** (10:7, 9)
First Door in the Bible (Gen. 4:7) '*Sin lieth at the door.*'
SEVEN VERY IMPORTANT DOORS IN BIBLE:
 1. Noah's Door (Gen. 6:16; 7:16)
 2. Mose's Door (Exo. 12:7, 23)
 3. Paul's Door (2 Cor. 1:12) (Col.4:3)
 4. Gentile's Door - Door of Faith (Acts 14:27)
 5. Open Door of Service (2 Cor. 2:12; Rev. 3:8)
 6. Door of Salvation (John 10:9)
 7. Door Opened into Heaven (Rev. 4:1)
4. **I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD** (10:11, 14)
5. **I AM THE RESURRECTION & THE LIFE** (11:25)
6. **I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, & THE LIFE** (14:6)
7. **I AM THE VINE - the TRUE VINE** (15:1, 5)
 - (v. 5) **As Branches --- We Receive ---** Always Receiving.
 - (v. 8) **As Disciples --- We Follow ---** *We continue in His Word.*
 - (13-15) **As Friends --- We Fellowship ---** We share:
 - We share His Love
 - We share His Secrets
 - We share His Interests
 - We share His Sufferings
 - We share His Glory

Conclusion: Our Lord's message was Himself. He did not come simply to preach a gospel, **He Himself is the Gospel.**

- He did not come merely to give bread --- He said, '*I Am the bread....*'
- Not merely to shed light; for **He is the Light of the World.**
- Not simply to show us a door; **He is the Door, the Only Door.**
- Not simply to name a shepherd; **He is the Good Shepherd.**
- Not just to give us a better life; but give us a **New Life, His Life.**
- Not just to point the way, or tell the truth, or give life; but
He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
- Not merely to plant a vine; but **I Am the Vine.**

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Special in Gospel of John

1. There are no Parables in the Gospel of John.
2. There are Five (5) Miracles (Signs) not found elsewhere:
 - (1) (2:1-11) Turning Water into Wine.
 - (2) (4:46-54) Healing of the Nobleman's Son.
 - (3) (5:1-19) The Impotent Man at Pool of Bethesda.
 - (4) (9:1-12) Healing of the Blind man.
 - (5) (11:1-46) Raising of Lazarus from the dead.
3. 92% of the Gospel of John not found in the other Gospels.
4. The Gospel of John speaks of God as '**the Father**' over 100 times.
5. The Gospel of John is the best Chronological order of the Four (4) Gospels.
6. John gives detailed attention to Places and Cities ('Bethabara, beyond Jordan. . .'
John 1:28 and 'Cana of Galilee' John 2:1).
7. The Name '**Jesus**' is used almost entirely instead of '**Christ**'. (This is strange in this Gospel of John which sets forth His Deity).
8. The Gospel of John was written to create Faith; yet, the word '**Faith**' is not used in the Gospel of John, but is used in the other Gospels.
9. The word '**Believe**' is used 101 times in John and less than 40 times in the other Gospels.
10. The word '**Jew**' is used more than 60 times in John.
11. '**Eternal Life**' occurs 35 times (Only 12 times in the other Gospels).
12. John specializes in Personal Interviews:
 - (1) Nicodemus and the New Birth.
 - (2) Woman at the Well and the Living Water.
 - (3) The Adulterous Woman.
 - (4) The Man born blind.
 - (5) The Apostle Peter 'Lovest thou Me?'
13. Outstanding Scriptures not found elsewhere:
 - (1) (1:1) *'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.'*
 - (2) (1:14) *'And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.'*
 - (3) (1:29, 36) *'Behold, the Lamb of God.'*
 - (4) (3:16) *'For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'*
 - (5) (10:28-30) *'...I give unto them eternal life. . . My Father and I are ONE.'*
 - (6) (11:25) *'I am the Resurrection and the Life. . .'*
 - (7) (13:1-20) Jesus washes the Disciples feet.
 - (8) (13:26-30) Judas receives the sop and goes out into the night to betray Jesus.
 - (9) (13:34-35) A New Commandment *'That ye love one another. . .'*
 - (10) (14:1-4) *'... In My Father's house are many mansions. . .'*
 - (11) (14:6) *'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.'*

NOTE: Jesus is the WAY - The Way to GO.
Jesus is the TRUTH - The Truth to KNOW.
Jesus is the LIFE - The Life to SHOW.

 - (12) (Chs. 14-15-16) The Promise of Another Comforter, the **Holy Spirit**.
 - (13) (Chap. 17) The True Lord's Prayer - High Priestly Prayer.
 - (14) (Chap. 21) The Great Draught of Fishes (153).
 - (15) (Chap. 21) Jesus asks Peter 3 times *'... Lovest thou Me?'*

The Gospel of John

Various Outlines

7 WITNESSES

1. (1:34) John the Baptist
2. (1:49) Nathanael
3. (6:69) Peter
4. (11:27) Martha
5. (20:28) Thomas
6. (20:31) John
7. (10:36) Christ Himself

7 "I AM's"

1. **I AM** the Bread of Life (John :35).
2. **I AM** the Light of the World (8:12).
3. **I AM** the Door (John 10:9).
4. **I AM** the Good Shepherd (10:11).
5. **I AM** the Resurrection & Life (11:25)
6. **I AM** the Way, Truth, Life (14:6).
7. **I AM** the True Vine (John 15:1).

7 MIRACLES

1. (2:1-11) Water to Wine.
2. (4:46-54) Healing Nobleman's Son.
3. (5:1-19) Healing Impotent Man.
4. (6:1-14) Feeding of 5000 Men.
5. (6:15-21) Walking on Water.
6. (9:1-12) Healing of Blind Man.
7. (11:1-46) Raising Lazarus

7 DISCOURSES

1. (Chap. 3) The New Birth
2. (Chap. 4) The Living Water.
3. (Chap. 5) Equality with the Father.
4. (Chap. 6) The Bread of Life.
5. (Chap. 8) The Light of the World.
6. (Chap. 10) The Good Shepherd
7. (Chs 13-16) Farewell to Disciples.

'Behold, the Lamb of God'

1. (Chap. 1) The Presentation of the Lamb of God.
2. (Chs 2-12) The Public Ministry of the Lamb of God.
3. (Chs 13-17) The Private Ministry of the Lamb of God.
4. (Chs 18-19) The Persecution Ministry of the Lamb of God.
5. (Chs 20-21) The Power Ministry of the Lamb of God.

BIRTH to BAPTISM

Luke 2:21-52

KEY VERSE: (Luke 2:52) *'But Jesus increased in **wisdom** and **stature**.
and in **favour** with **God** and **man**.'*

INTRO: A great amount of preaching and teaching is done about the Birth of Christ and various aspects of His life, but little is said of the time between His birth and the beginning of His ministry (His baptism). Our lesson covers this particular time period and the incidents of these 30 years.

We know that Jesus was raised in a good, godly, devout home and was trained in all the wisdom of Godly people. He was brought up in a typical Hebrew home and did the things that those folks normally did. He read the Scripture in the synagogue on the sabbath day *'as his custom was.'* (Luke 4:16-20). He knew the procedure, He was no stranger to the customs of His day.

- I. (Luke 2:21) CIRCUMCISION** – 8th Day (Lev. 12:2-3)
- Identify with God's People – God's Promise - Obedience to Law.
 - His naming '*Jesus*' = '*Joshua*' O.T. - Hebrew

SPECIAL NOTE
OTHERS NAMED BEFORE BIRTH

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. (Gen. 16:11) | Ishmael |
| 2. (Gen. 17:19) | Isaac |
| 3. (I Kings 13:2) | Josiah |
| 4. (I Chron. 22:9) | Solomon |
| 5. (Isa. 44:28) | Cyrus |
| 6. (Luke 1:13) | John the Baptist |
| 7. (Matt. 1:21) | Jesus |
| Also: (Isa. 7:14) | Immanuel "Christ" |

- II. (Luke 2:22-24) DEDICATION in Temple** – 40th Day (Lev. 12:4)
- A. Two Purposes in going to the Temple at this time:**
1. **Purification** of Mother
 2. **Presentation** of Baby to Lord (Lev. 12:6-8) *'every male child.'*
- C. Two Offerings** were to be given:
1. **Burnt Offering** – *'a lamb, firstling. . .if able.'*
 - a. Unable to afford a lamb, or
 - b. Unable to provide a lamb,
 - c. Could substitute a *'turtledove or a pigeon.'*
 2. **Sin Offering** — *'either a turtledove or a pigeon.'*
(Even if this was too difficult, then a handful of meal would suffice)

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D. **Two Witnesses:** Simeon & Anna.

1. **Simeon** (25-35) Some things about Simeon: His name 'Simeon' means 'Hearing,' he was in Jerusalem, in the Temple, a just man, devout, waiting (anticipating, expecting) for the '*consolation of Israel*', '*spirit filled (led)*,' had a special revelation from God, he blessed God, he was ready to depart in peace, he lived & willing to die '*according to the Word of the Lord*,' he preached Christ the Messiah, the Salvation of all people, Gentile and Jew, and predicted the '*sword that would pierce through her own soul*' at Christ's death on the Cross.
2. **Anna** (36-38) Name at least 12 things about her. Apparently she had been married 7 years when her husband died, and had now been widowed 84 years. She had to be at least 100+ years old at this time.
 - (1) (v. 36) Her Age. (Possibly - 84+7+20=111 yrs.)
 - (2) (v. 37) Her Attitude.
 - (3) (v. 38) Her Account.

Note: Anna, a Good, Godly, Great ol' lady would never have said such things to Mary and Joseph if she even considered any possibility of impurity.

III. (Matt. 2:13-18) **FLIGHT Into Egypt** – King Herod's decree - All male infants slain.

IV. (Matt. 2:19-23) **Joseph, Mary & Infant Jesus Return from Egypt to Nazareth.**

During their absence from Judea, King Herod the Great had died and his son, Archelaus now reigned. Just as Joseph had been warned in a dream from God to go to Egypt, he is now warned in another dream from God to leave Egypt and go to Nazareth.

V. (Luke 2:39–51) **Annual VISIT to Jerusalem - Passover Feast. Jesus was 12 years of age – Temple.**

1. He grew and waxed strong. (Luke 2:40)
2. He was filled with wisdom. (v. 40)
3. The grace of God was upon Him. (v. 40)
4. He astonished the Doctor's of Law. (v. 46)
5. He understood His earthly existence & purpose. (v. 49)
6. His first recorded words testified of His Deity. (v. 49)
7. He was obedient to His parents. (v. 51)
8. He advanced in wisdom and stature. (v. 52)

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VI. (Luke 2:52) Eighteen Years of Silence.

*'And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature,
and in favour with God and man.'*

SPECIAL NOTE

1. From Birth to five (5) years the Jewish boy was in the care of his mother. At five (5) he was weened from his mother.
2. From five (5) to twelve (12) years he was under the custody of his father taught to work in the field, workshop, shepherding, or etc. Given responsibility, taught to work.
3. At the age of thirteen (13) '**Bar-Mitzvah**' he became a 'Son of the Law' and became accountable and ready for Religious duty. Also, he would be assigned or get to choose his own occupation.

A Jewish boy would study only the Scriptures and the 'Mishnah' (the oral or traditional Law) until twelve (12) years of age. From fifteen (15) years on they could also study Theology (Doctrines).

“ S H E M A ”

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord.” (Deut. 6:4)
The '**Shema**' along with the Decalogue (10 Commandments) served as “The Jewish Confession of Faith” and was the very heart of Jewish worship in the Temple and the Synagogue. It affirmed the Unity of God in the face of Poly-Theism. The Benedictions, preceeding and following it's public recitation in Jewish worship was '*Praise God as Creator, as Giver of the Law, and as Redeemer of Israel.*' The Shema is comprised of these three portions of Scripture: Deut. 6:4-9; Deut. 11:13-21; and Num. 15:37-41. The word Shema (meaning 'Hear') comes from the opening word of Deut. 6:4 and is applied to all three of these passages.

Growth ---- A Well Balanced Diet

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|--------------|---|-----------------|
| 1. Mental | – | Wisdom |
| 2. Physical | – | Stature |
| 3. Spiritual | – | Favour with God |
| 4. Social | – | Favour with Man |
- (Mary 'Thou hast found favour with God' (Lu. 1:30))

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When Nothing Became Something

John 1:1-3 & Col. 1:16-19

1. (John 1:1-3) **CREATION:**
Dust - Man
Rib - Woman
2. (Gal. 6:3) **NOTHING – SOMETHING:**
'For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.'
3. (I Sam. 15:17) **LITTLENESS – GREATNESS:**
'And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel?'
4. (Matt. 23:12) **HUMBLENESS – EXALTATION:**
'And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.'
(Luke 18:14) *'I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.'* (Heb. 11:32-38)
5. (Heb. 11:32-34) **WEAKNESS – STRONG:** David — Gideon
32 *And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:*
33 *Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,*
34 *Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.*
38 *(Of whom the world was not worthy:)*
6. (I Peter 2:9) **DARKNESS – LIGHT:**
'But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.'
7. (Phil. 4:9) **NEED – SUPPLY:**
'But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.'
(Heb. 4:16) *'Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.'*
8. (Psa. 126:6) **BURDEN – BLESSING:**
'He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.'
9. (2 Cor. 8:9) **POVERTY – RICHES:**
'For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.'
10. (Eph. 2:1, 5-6) **DEATH – LIFE:**
1 *And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;*
5 *Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*
6 *And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*

ILLUSTRATIONS:	(2 Kings 5)	Little Maid - Naaman
	(2 Kings 4)	Little Pot of Oil - Full Vessels
	(John 6)	5 Loaves - 12 Baskets full
	(Eph. 2:3-4)	Children of Wrath - Mercy
	(Luke 15:24)	Lost - Found (Prodigal Son)

The Word Becomes Human

John 1:1-18

INTRO: Notice the Names used of Christ in just these few verses: **Word, Life, Light and Son.** Also note, What is a **Word**? **Word = Logos** (Gr.). Means or way of expressing oneself or as used here, the Second (2nd) Person of the God-head, the Trinity, Jesus Christ, Who expresses the Father (v. 18). Word can be expressed by being: (1) Spoken, (2) Written, or (3) Signed.

I. (1 - 5) CHRIST - - - THE ETERNAL WORD.

A. (1 - 2) THE PRE-EXISTENCE of CHRIST. (Before time began).
(Eternity is from Everlasting to Everlasting, without Beginning and without Ending. Psalms 90:2).

1. The **Word** already existed before **Time** began (Gen. 1:1).
2. The **Word** was in complete Harmony with God.
3. The **Word** was **God!**
(These verses prove Christ was not **created**, nor inferior to the Godhead, but **equal** in every way.) (Compare with Phil. 2:5-8).

B. (3 - 5) THE WORK OF THE PRE-EXISTING CHRIST.

1. (v. 3) CREATOR of ALL THINGS (cf Gen. 1:1 & Col. 1:16).
2. (v. 4) SUSTAINER of ALL LIFE (Col. 1:17).
3. (v. 5) VICTOR --- Though Rejected, He Overcame.

II. (6 - 9) CHRIST - - - The TRUE LIGHT.

A. (6 - 8) GOD SENDS A WITNESS, John the Baptist. Fore-Runner.
(Light witnesses for itself, but God sent a witness because their eyes were blinded in sin and unbelief. John was like the Star that guided the Wise Men to Jerusalem.)

NOTE: List five (5) things said of John in vs. 6-8.

'Man sent from God. . .' God has always been in the sending business:

Moses - Elijah - Amos - Jonah - Gideon - Philip - Paul - Jesus - Us.

B. (v. 9) CHRIST IS THE TRUE LIGHT (Available to every man).

III. (10-14) CHRIST - - - THE WORD BECOMES FLESH (Incarnate).

A. (10-11) CHRIST WAS **UNKNOWN** & **UNWANTED**, but

B. (12-13) RECEIVES THOSE WHO RECEIVE HIM.

NOTE: The New Birth is Super-Natural, contains no Human Element.

C. (v. 14) THE WORD BECAME FLESH REVEALING THE FATHER.

IV. (15-18) CHRIST - - - The SON of with the LAW.

God Incarnate

John 1:1-18

- I. (1 - 4) THE WORD REVEALED.
 - A. ETERNAL
 - B. DIETY (God - Divine)
 - C. CREATOR
- II. (5 - 11) The WORD REJECTED.
 - A. AS LIGHT (Came to Darkness)
 - B. TO HIS OWN (People=Jews) (Place=Israel).
- III. (12-18) THE WORD RECEIVED.
 - A. (v. 12) SONS of GOD by believing on Jesus Christ.
 - B. (v. 13) BORN AGAIN (Super-natural, not of Man, but of God!).
 - C. (v. 14) The WORD (Jesus) was made Flesh ---
'...made of a woman, made under the law.' (Gal. 4:4) The Son of God -
-- the Son of Man. Jesus was both God and Man at one and the same
time. He took upon Himself the likeness of sinful flesh, yet without sin.
 - D. (v. 15) John's Testimony *'Though born after me, Jesus was before me.'*
 - E. (v. 16) His FULNESS --- *'Grace for grace' or 'Grace heaped upon Grace.'*
 - F. (v. 17) *'Grace & Truth'* were found in the O.T., but not like it is in Christ.
 - G. (v. 18) No man has ever seen God at anytime, --- God is Spirit (John
4:24); yet He assumed visible forms which men saw in O.T. (Gen.
32:30; Exo. 24:9-10; Judg. 13:22; Isa. 6:1; Dan. 3:25; Dan. 7:9)

JESUS, The Light of the World

John 1:5-12

- I. NEGATIVELY:
 - A. UNSEEN --- *'...darkness comprehended it not.'* (v. 5)
ILLUST: Elisha at Dotham (2 Kings 6)
 - B. UNKNOWN --- *'...the world knew him not. . .'* (v. 10)
(Isaiah 1:3) *'The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but
Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.'*
 - C. UNWANTED --- *'...His own received him not.'* (v. 11)
(Rom. 1:21) *'Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as
God, neither were thankful: but became vain in their imaginations, and
their foolish heart was darkened.'*
- NOTE: FIRST - - - It was **BLINDNESS**;
SECOND - - - It was **IGNORANCE**;
THIRD - - - It was **REBELLION & REJECTION**.
He came and introduced Himself to them, - - - They had no excuse!
- II. POSITIVELY:
 - A. The **PROVISION** is Ample - - - *'As Many'* - - - No Limit.
 - B. The **POWER** is Great - - - *'Gave He power'* - - - Divine Power.
 - C. The **POSITION** is High - - - *'Sons of God'* - - -
NOTE: Abraham & John the Baptist were called *'Friends'*, Moses was
called a *'Servant'*, Enoch walked with God, David *'...man after mine
own heart,'* but we **become the 'Sons of God.'**
 - D. The **PRICE** is Reasonable - - - *'Even to them that believe on His name.'*
 - E. The **PLAN** is Simple - - - *'Recieve Him'* Accept Him as Saviour.
 - F. The **WAY** is Plain - - - Jesus is *'the Way. . .'* not simply **a way, THE WAY.**

Missing the Miracle of Christmas

What Might Have Been!

So close — yet too far.

John 1:9-14

Key Verse: (John 1:11) *'He came unto his own, and his own received him not. ¹² But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.'*

INTRO: The Truth about Christ and His Coming into this world is so great, that most people reject it as myth, fable, or a nice story. What the world does not realize is, that Jesus Christ is God's great **Love Gift** to a lost and dying world of people. The Truth is stranger than fiction. Unbelief would rather believe (fabricate) a lie, than to receive the Truth. The Greatest Story ever told is still **Untold, Unreceived and Unbelieved**.

- I. **INN KEEPER** --- Missed the Blessing of his life. That once in a Life-time opportunity and it slipped through his fingers.
- II. **GUESTS in the Inn** --- Surely there were other guests in the Inn.
- III. **Caesar Augustus** --- The Emperor of the Roman Empire. He issued the Decree that the whole world should be taxed, census, inventory. Little did he realize he was unknowingly being led of God to fulfil prophecy and bring the world of that day and the people into position to give the World the One and Only True King.
- IV. **HEROD the Great** --- The King of the Jews --- Disturbed and all Jerusalem with him, missed his one and only opportunity to bow before the True King of the Jews and to be among the first to recognize His arrival. Died within the year, --- could have had life eternal.
- V. **The PRIESTS and the SCRIBES** --- The very men who searched the Scriptures. Discovered that the King would be born in Bethlehem, Judea. Didn't go --- WHY? Because ¹They didn't believe the Bible, ²Unbelief, ³Unwilling, ⁴Hearts hardened.
- VI. **The MOMS and DADS of the Slain Infants** --- Hurting, and not knowing fully why?
- VII. **The PEOPLE Who Heard the Shepherds Testimony** --- but never came to see for themselves. What a blessing they missed.
- VIII. **The WHOLE EARTH** --- Really unaware of the Greatest event of Human History. God manifest in Human flesh.
 - All Heaven knew --- Good Angels knew.
 - All Hell knew --- Bad Angels knew.
- IX. **Even the STARS and the STAR** --- (I Cor. 15:41) *'There is one glory of the Sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the Stars: for one star differeth from another Star in glory.'*
 - Though each star has its own Glory (Witness, Brightness, Personality)
 - There is not another Star like that **STAR!**

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'He Came to His Own'

John 1:11

Key Verse: (John 1:11) *'He came to His own, and His own received Him not.'*

INTRO: There is not a more familiar story in the world than that of *'The Birth of Jesus.'* We often get caught up in the world's version of what Christmas is all about to the point of missing the real meaning of His coming into this world. Christ was born *'King of the Jews'* (Matt. 2:1-2), but before He could be their King,

--- HE MUST BECOME ---

1. One of them - - - Human, and that with a Royal Lineage.
2. Born under the Law (Subject to the same Law)(Gal. 4:4); yet without sin.
3. Fulfill (Satisfy the righteous demands) that Law.
4. Redeem (Buy back that which was forfeited) them out from under the Law which pronounced all guilty before God (Rom. 3:19).
5. So before He could Reign as King, He must first be our Saviour, Champion. Therefore, Jesus Christ was not only born King, but also earned the right to be King by His victory over **Sin, Satan, Death and Hell.**

His own people rejected Him, but as many (You, Me, Whosoever) who will receive Him become the Sons of God by believing on Him. (John 1:12).

Christ came to redeem what man had lost by Sin (through Adam & Eve, Gen. 3:6 & Rom. 5:12) and what we have lost by our own choice and practice (Rom. 3:23).

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT HIM

I. The Prophet **ISAIAH** (Isa. 53:3-6) Christ as our substitute.

'But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.'

II. The **ANGEL of the Lord to Joseph** (Matt. 1:21).

'And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.'

III. The **ANGEL of the Lord to the Shepherds** (Luke 2:11).

'For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.'

IV. The **WISE MEN of the East** (Matt. 2:1-2).

'Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.'

V. **LUKE (The Beloved Physician)** (Luke 19:10 and Col. 4:14).

'For the Son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost.'

VI. The **APOSTLE PAUL** (I Tim. 1:15).

'This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.'

VII. The **LORD JESUS CHRIST Himself said:**

1. (Matt. 5:17) Not to destroy the Law, but to fulfill it.
2. (Matt. 10:28) Not to be Ministered unto, but to Minister.
3. (Matt. 20:28) To give His life a Ransom for many.
4. (Luke 19:10) To seek and save that which was lost.
5. (I John 3:8) To destroy the works of the Devil.
6. (Acts 15:14) To call out a people for His Name.

The Strangest Stranger of All

Matt. 25:35,43; John 1:11; Eph. 2:12,19; Heb. 13:2

INTRO: "Never met a stranger!" Strangers are just friends we haven't met yet. Will Rogers: *'Never met a man didn't like.'* *'Several near misses.'*

I. The STRANGEST STRANGER of Them All.

Jesus Christ a Stranger? How can this be?

1. Jesus Christ is no Stranger in Heaven - - -
For the very heavens declare His Glory!
2. Jesus Christ is no Stranger to the Angels - - -
For they sang *'Glory to God in the highest. . .'*
'These things they desire to look into. . .'
3. Jesus Christ is no Stranger to God the Father - - -
'This is my beloved Son. . .'
4. Jesus Christ is no Stranger to the Holy Spirit - - -
'For He testifieth of me.'
5. Jesus Christ is no Stranger to the Demons --- Devils - - -
'Thou Son of God. . .'
6. Jesus Christ is no Stranger to Hell - - -
7. Jesus Christ is the Eternal – Everlasting God
Creator of Heaven & Earth, Giver & Sustainer of Life,
We live and move and have our being in Him.

ILLUST: Can you imagine a **Mother** (or Father) being a Stranger in their own Home? Can you imagine a Business Man as a Stranger to his own Employees? A Banker, a Stranger to co-workers or associates?

ILLUST: First Christmas - - - Room in the Inn for all the other Strangers!

II. IF HE IS A STRANGER - - - Then Who Does He Reveal Himself to?

- A. Negatively** - - - Not to the Rich, Powerful, Prosperous, Kings, Potentates, Health, Famous, Successful, Important, and etc.
- B. Positively** - - - To the Hungry, Thirsty, Stranger, Naked, Poor, Sick, Needy, Outcasts, Blind, Beggars, Imprisoned, Unwanted, and etc.

III. THEN - - - TO WHOM IS HE A STRANGER?

- A. To them that receive Him not!
- B. To them that when they knew God --- They Glorified Him not as God!
- C. To them Whom Satan has blinded the minds of them that believe not!
- D. To them that Walk in Darkness!
- E. To them that are Strangers to the Covenants of Promise!
Who? Hunger --- You may Fare Sumpously or Eat Crumbs. . .
(Gormet or Junk Food?)
but Jesus reveals Himself to those who **Hunger** after Righteousness
(If you really want to do Right & be Right --- Christ is the Answer)
Thirsty --- You've drank from the cisterns of this world. Now drink the Water of Life from the fountain of living water.
- F. Sometimes He is a Stranger to His Own!
 1. Walking on the Water - - - *'It is I, be not afraid. . .'*
 2. Walking on Road to Emmaus - - -
 3. In Grief - - - Mary at Tomb *'Supposing Him to be the Gardener.'*

IV. HE IS ABLE TO MAKE STRANGERS INTO SONS.

ILLUST: David – Mephibosheth - *For Jonathan's sake. . .*

ILLUST: Joseph and His Brethren in Egypt.

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John the Baptist Presents

The Lamb of God

John 1:19-34

Key Verse: (John 1:29b) *'...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.'*

INTRO: The events of this lesson all happened at least 40 days after Jesus' Baptism & the Wilderness Temptation (Matt. 4:1-11).

NOTE: The Four Consecutive Days mentioned here:

- 1st Day (vs 19-28) (v. 19) Delegation Questions John the Baptist (v. 24).
- 2nd Day (vs 29-34) (v. 29) John Points out Christ as the Lamb of God.
- 3rd Day (vs 35-42) (v. 35) Two Disciples follow Jesus.
- 4th Day (vs 43-51) (v. 43) Two more Disciples are Recruited.

I. (19-28) A DELEGATION IS SENT TO QUESTION JOHN THE BAPTIST.

(The Religionists first tried to ignore John the Baptist, but now have become sufficiently alarmed to investigate.)

A. (19-23) THEIR FIRST QUESTION - - - 'Who are you?'

- 1. Their Round-about Manner of asking this Question - - -
 - a. (v. 20) Are you the Christ? **No!**
 - b. (v. 21) Are you Elias (Elijah)? **No!**
 - c. (v. 21) Are you **That Prophet?** **No!** (Which Prophet are they referring to? The One Moses spoke of in Deut. 18:1, 18).
 - d. (v. 22) Well then, **Who are you?** . . . ***Just a Voice of one crying in the wilderness!***

NOTE: Can you just see this bunch of Greybeards as they came to John?

- 2. John's Direct Answer --- *'Just a Voice of one crying in the wilderness.'*
Fulfilling the Prophecy of Isa. 40:3 & Mal. 3:1.

B. (24-28) THEIR SECOND QUESTION - - - 'Why do you baptize then?'

(v. 24 Tells why they asked this question --- The Sanhedrin, the Jewish Supreme Court (Council of 70), consisted of 2 governing bodies; ¹ Sadducees, and ² Pharises, who were the ritualists of their day. The first question interested the whole Council, while the second question interested the Pharisees)

II. (29-34) JOHN'S TESTIMONY TO PURPOSE & PERSON OF CHRIST.

A. (v. 29) PURPOSE OF CHRIST'S COMING - - - 'Lamb of God.'

(Not to illustrate the gentleness and meekness of a lamb, but as an innocent, sinless Lamb, as a voluntary substitute bearing away in His Own Person our Sins,
Mine & Your Sins.)

B. (v. 34) PERSON OF CHRIST - - - 'Son of God.'

God's Lamb is also God's Son! John's assurance is evidenced by the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit (v. 33).

Gen. 4	-----	Lamb for INDIVIDUAL
Exo.12	-----	Lamb for a FAMILY
Lev. 16	-----	Lamb for a NATION
John 1	-----	Lamb for the WORLD

The Lamb of God

John 1:36

- I. Gen. 4:4 The Lamb **TYPIFIED** (God's or Man's Way)
ACCEPTED
- II. Gen. 22:8 The Lamb **PROPHESED** (Substitute)
PROVIDED
- III. Exo. 12 The Lamb **APPLIED** (Passover)
BLOOD APPLIED
- IV. Isa. 53 The Lamb **PERSONIFIED** (Man)
(First mention of Lamb as a Person)
- V. John 1:29 The Lamb **IDENTIFIED** (Behold, the Lamb..)
(First mention of the Lamb as Jesus Christ)
- VI. Rev. 5 The Lamb **MAGNIFIED**
(Throne)
- VII. Rev. 22 The Lamb **GLORIFIED**

BEHOLD

The **WORK** of the Lamb (John 1:29)

The **WALK** of the Lamb (John 1:36)

The **WORTH** of the Lamb (Rev. 5:12)

The **WITNESS** of the Lamb (Rev. 5:6)

The **WORSHIP** of the Lamb (Rev. 5:14)

The **WEDDING** of the Lamb (Rev. 19:17-19)

The **WORLD** - Dominion of the Lamb (Rev. 1:7)

The **WRATH** of the Lamb (Rev. 6:16)

The Same Stroke that Slew the Lamb; also,
Rent the Veil from Top to Bottom.

Baptism of Jesus

Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-23; John 1:32-34

INTRO: God called John *'John the Baptist'* and sent him to proclaim the first coming of Christ. John called for *'Repentance toward God, and Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.'* Jesus was not baptized because *'He repented.'* He had no sin to repent of, but - - -

Jesus' Baptism was:

1. To Identify with sinners, as a sinner, yet without sin.
2. Show forth His own death, burial & resurrection.

Our Baptism - - -

1. Identifies us with Christ and His Death, Burial & Resurrection.
2. Shows forth our Death, Burial & Resurrection to walk in the newness of life (His Life).

WHAT: Baptism – Picture of Death, Burial & Resurrection.

WHO: Must be by the **Proper Authority** and a **Proper Candidate**.

The **Proper Authority** for Jesus was John the Baptist because he was:

1. *'A Man sent from God'* Ordained of God (John 1:6).
2. *'The baptism of John. . . was it of God or men.'* (Matt. 21:25).

The **Proper Authority** for Believers is a Scriptural, Baptist Church:

Only two (2) Ordinances are given to the Local N.T. Church:

1. Baptism
2. Lord's Supper (Both to be kept as given and in this order).

The **Proper Subject:**

1. Jesus Christ was not only sent of God, but was God!
2. God's Approval, *'This is my beloved Son. . .'* (Matt. 3:17).
3. Others (You - Me):

Only those who believe on Christ:

Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:37-38) *'And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.'*

WHY: To identify with Jesus Christ's Death, Burial and Resurrection.

1. Because of Repentance, based on True Faith in Redemptive work of Christ on the Cross.
2. The answer of a good conscience toward God (1 Pet. 3:21).

WHEN: Jesus Christ --- At the beginning of His ministry, not end of it.

Us --- when we trust Jesus Christ as Saviour (Acts 2:41; 8:12-13; 18:8).

HOW: By Immersion, complete burial in water.

'Much water' (John 3:23).

'Went up straightway out of the water' (Matt. 3:16).

WHERE: Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River (Mark 1:9).

About 20 miles east of Jerusalem, near Bethabara.

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John 1:35-51

INTRO: A simple outline of this entire chapter:

- I. (1 - 4) Christ the Eternal Word.
- II. (5 - 18) The Word Became Flesh (Human).
- III. (19-36) The Record of John the Baptist.
- IV. (37-51) Jesus Recruits His First Disciples.

NOTE: We will divide this lesson into three major themes:

I. We Need to Truly Realize Who Jesus Is:

(John Chap.1 is so full of Christ):

Notice the 18 different Divine Titles

1. Word (4x in vs. 1,1,1,14)
2. God (1x in v.1)
3. Creator (2x in vs. 3,10)
4. Light (6x in vs. 4,5,7,8,8,9)
5. Life (2x in v. 4,4)
6. Only begotten (2x in v. 14,18)
7. Jesus (11x in vs. 29,36,37,38, 42,42,43,45,47,48,50)
8. Jesus Christ (1x in v. 17)
9. The Christ (2x in vs. 20,41)
10. Lord (1x in v. 23)
11. Lamb of God (2x in vs. 29,36)
12. Son of God (2x in vs. 34,49)
13. Rabbi (2x in vs. 38,49)
14. Master (1x in v. 38)
15. Messiah (1x in v. 41)
16. Son of Joseph (1x in v. 45)
17. King of Israel (1x in v. 49)
18. Son of Man (1x in v. 51)

Each of these names emphasize Who He is and/or
What He does. They describe His character.

Also: Notice these other references to Jesus:

Flesh (1x v14)

Him of Whom Moses & the Prophets did write (1x v45)

Him (20x vs.3,3,4,7,10,10,11,12,15,31,32,33,33,37,38,39,40,47,48,49)

He (17x vs.10,11,12,15,15,15,18,27,30,30,31,33,36,39,39,42,51)

His (5x vs. 11,11,12,14,16)

One among you, whom ye know not (1x v.26)

The same (1x v.2)

That Christ (1x v.25)

That Prophet (1x v.21)

He that cometh after me is preferred before me (3x vs.15,27,30)

Upon Whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending (1x v.33)

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II. We Need To See How to Bring Others to Jesus.

These first converts give us an example of how it should be done.

- #1 Through Preaching Jesus Christ --- John the Baptist.
- #2 These men were not experts at this. They were just common, ordinary men who *'Followed Jesus.'* (The 2 in v. 37) Andrew & John.
- #3 Andrew brings his brother Simon Peter to Christ (41-42).
- #4 Jesus finding and bringing Philip (v. 43).
- #5 Philip finding Nathanael (v. 45-50).

WON BY ONE or ONE ON ONE

Underscore these 3 words

(vs. 40,41)

Andrew

Findeth

Simon (Peter)

Underscore these 3 words

(v. 43)

Jesus

Findeth

Philip

Underscore these 3 words

(v. 45)

Philip

Findeth

Nathanael

This is the greatest business in the world:

Men Finding Men

Fishers of Men — Soul-winning

III. We Need to Urge Them to Come & See for Themselves.

It is not enough just to hear about Jesus, we must come to Him. *'Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.'* (John 6:37).

Twice this expression is used here:

'Come and See'

1. (v. 38) Two disciples following Jesus, Jesus turned and asked them *'What seek ye?'* They responded:
 - Confession (Acknowledgement) *'Rabbi'* (Master - Leader, Teacher).
 - *'Where dwellest Thou'* --- They knew where Pilate, Herod, Priests, and most everybody else dwelt, but their desire was to know His dwelling. I personally think they wanted to know so they could dwell there also. Remember, John the Baptist had pointed them to Jesus, the Lamb of God, and they followed Him. They sought Him as their Master and desired to commit themselves unto Him. His answer: ***'Come and see.'***
2. (v. 46) Philip to Nathanael concerning Christ as the Promised Messiah. ***'Come and see.'*** Nathanael was without *'Guile'* (No pretense, hypocrisy; he was sincere, genuine. Can something this "Good" come out of Nazareth? ***'Come and see.'***
 - Can He, Will He accept me? ***'Come and see.'***
 - Can He Love me? ***'Come and see.'***
 - Can He Forgive me? ***'Come and see.'***
 - Can He Save me? ***'Come and see.'***
 - Can He Use me? ***'Come and see.'***
 - Can He Hear me? ***'Come and see.'***
 - Can He Lead me? ***'Come and see.'***
 - Can He Keep me? ***'Come and see.'***
 - Can He Give me Peace, Joy ***'Come and see.'***
 - Can He Satisfy my deepest longings? ***'Come and see.'***
 - Can He Comfort me ***'Come and see.'***

**YES! Oh, Yes! He can
'Come and see'.**

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He First Findeth His Own Brother

John 1:41

INTRO: World's greatest Sit-down Strike has not been staged by some Labor Union at

Ford Mtr. Co.	General Mtrs.	Chrysler	Carpenters Union
Steel mills	Stockyards	Shipyards	Shipping (UPS, etc)
Schools	Hospitals	Airlines	Sports
Busline	Railroad	Government	Entertainment

but – In our Churches – by folks who claim to be saved. Sit down & do nothing!

The big problem is not getting sinners saved, but

Getting God's People on Fire —Fired Up!

I. **Personal Soul-Winning was the Great Dominating Passion of Jesus Christ.**

- Caused Him to empty Himself of the Glory He had with the Father & come to this sin infested world.
- Caused Him to become the Man of Sorrows, acquainted with grief.
- Caused Him to go to the Cross & endure suffering . . .
- Caused Him to Seek & Save the lost. Yes! Meant more than life to Him.

II. **His Greatest & Chief Method was Man to Man ---**

One on One --- Won by One --- Jesus & one soul was a great audience.

28 different occasions of One on One:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| – Philip (John 1:43) | – Blind man (John 9) |
| – Nicodemus (John 3) | – Zacchaeus (Luke 19) |
| – Woman at well (John 4) | – Thief on Cross |
| – Man at Pool of Bethesda (John 5) | |

III. **We Learn best by Actually doing (Swim, Drive, Fly)**

Too often we sing:

“Throw out the lifeline” and do not throw it out.

“I love to tell the Story” and do not tell the Old, Old story...

“Rescue the perishing” and do not rescue.

IV. **We Must Have a Passion for Souls – A Drive that keeps us going on.**

- **Francis Asbury** – Horseback Circuit Rider 5 times around the world(125,000 mi)
- **George Whitefield** – “I’m willing to go to prison for you, I’m willing to even die for you, but I’m not willing to go to heaven without you.”
- **John Wesley** – Out of breath pursuing souls.
- **David Livingstone** – Jungle dangers --- 27 attacks of fever. Body buried in Westminster Abby., London. His heart belongs to Africa.
- **Gen. Wm Booth** – “God shall have all there is of Wm. Booth.”
- **John Brainard** – “I don’t care what hardships I have to endure, as long as I can see souls saved.”

V. **HOW CAN WE WIN SOULS?**

- A. Stay Right with the Master Fisherman Jesus Christ with a Clean Heart — God can use most any kind of vessel but a Dirty One.
- B. Fish for Men (Souls) not for Quail, Deer, Bear, Fish.
- C. Use Ever Opportunity — Redeem the time.
- D. Stay with the Book.

ILLUST: Young preacher asked J. Frank Norris, “Sir, what are the 3 best, greatest things a young preacher can do?”

1st, Preach the Word – 2nd, Preach the Word – 3rd, Preach the Word.

ILLUST: Godly mother dying, Bible. ‘Son, take this Bible. Read it. Believe it.

Live it. Son, the best that I can give you is in this blessed ol’ book (\$100.00).

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Obedience Brings His Blessing

John 2:1-10

This is our Lord's 1st Miracle:

- Wasn't done before Priests, Rulers (like Moses) but before the Wedding Servants.
- Not of Judgment or Curse -- Law (like Moses), but as a Blessing.
- Not of Necessity --- but Luxury.
- At a Wedding -- New Beginning, union,
- Does not ask for any new Vessels, but Uses what is already there.
- Nothing Extra-Ordinary

Ordinary Vessels – Ordinary Servants – Ordinary Water

Our Lord could do it all without their help:

- He could fill the water pots --- Anyone who could change water to wine could easily fill them in the 1st place.
- He who could multiply the loaves & fishes, could easily furnish them in the 1st place.
- Raise the dead --- would have known where buried.
- Roll the stone away.

Also - - - Our Lord chooses to **use us** that He might **bless us**.

I. When Jesus Gives Us A Command -- It's because He wants to give a blessing!

- Blind Man --- "Go wash"
- Palsied --- "Rise. . .walk"
- Withered --- "Stretch forth"
- Ship --- "Launch out — deep"
- Rich Young Ruler --- "Go – Sell – Give – Follow Me"
- Zaccheus --- "Come down"
- Dead --- "Arise" "Come forth"
- Sinner --- "Believe" "Repent" "Call"
- Christian — Church --- "Go ye . . ."

His Command to Us - - - is the Vehicle of His Blessing

II. HOW SHOULD HIS COMMANDS BE CARRIED OUT?

You know, there's a way to fill Waterpots & then **there's a way to fill Waterpots!**

If it is to

- BELIEVE — "Believe with all your heart, soul, mind and body."
- LOVE GOD — "Thou shalt love the Lord with all your heart, soul, Strength, with all your mind."
- PREACH — "In Season --- out of Season. . ."
All the way, fill it up to the Brim...
- PRAY — "Pray without Ceasing" "The effectual, fervent prayer of right..."
- WORSHIP — "
- GIVE — 'Give, & it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, & shaken together, & running over, shall men give into your bosom.' (Lu 6:38)
- SING — (1Cor. 14:15) '*I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.*'
- GO — ". . .into all the world."

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, not unto men." (Col. 3:23)

Whatsoever He Saith Unto You; Do It

John 2:1-11

INTRO: In this verse we have the Key to a Happy, Wonderful, Thrilling,
Exciting, Successful, Victorious, Useful, Fruitful, Joyous Christian Life.
If we would have His Blessing upon our Lives, then:

**We must do What-so-ever He Says unto Us,
DO IT!**

- - - Do You want His Power in your life? *'Whatsoever He saith. . .Do it!'*
- - - Do You want Your Prayers Answered? *'Whatsoever He saith. . .Do it!'*
- - - Do You want to be Used of the Lord? *'Whatsoever He saith. . .Do it!'*
- - - Do You want His Supreme Blessing? *'Whatsoever He saith. . .Do it!'*
- - - Do You want New, Fresh Opportunities
 & Enlarged fields of service? *'Whatsoever He saith. . .Do it!'*
- - - Do You want His Peace & Joy? *'Whatsoever He saith. . .Do it!'*

IF YOU DO — Then we must set up this Standard '*Golden Rule*' over our
Life and Live by it — Our Life will always be filled with the

GLORY OF HIS PRESENCE

GREATNESS OF HIS POWER

GOODNESS OF HIS PROVISION

For He is the Son of God - - - The GOD-MAN!

I. OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US TODAY - - - '*Whatsoever He saith. . .Do It!*'

A. THROUGH THE BIBLE (Word of God)(Spoken, Written, Personified)

There is no Spirit & Life in the daily newspapers or men's writings.

B. THROUGH BIBLE PREACHING (Teaching, Witnessing, etc.)

C. THROUGH CIRCUMSTANCES

Sickness, Sadness, Suffering, Rejection, Disappointments, Tragedy, Death.

D. THROUGH PERSON to PERSON – '**HE . . . YOU**'

NOTE: God knows how to set up a Roadblock in your life.

II. HOW SHOULD WE OBEY (Respond)?

Promptly, Completely, Unhesitatingly, Willingly, Joyfully, etc.

III. OBEDIENCE BRINGS A THREE-FOLD BLESSING:

A. In that it Touches God - - - IT IS FOR HIS **GLORY**.

B. In that it Touches Me - - - IT IS FOR MY **GROWTH**.

C. In that it Touches Others - - - IT IS FOR THEIR **GOOD**.

When Jesus said:

'Fill . . . Draw . . . Bear' It was for HIS **GLORY** (vs. 7-8, 11).

'Fill . . . Draw . . . Bear' It was for the **SERVANTS GROWTH** (9, 11).

'Fill . . . Draw . . . Bear' It was for the **GOOD** of Everybody concerned.

Cleansing of the Temple

John 2:12-25

Key Verse: (2:19) *"Destroy this temple (His body), and in three days I will raise it up."*

INTRO: There are at least four firsts here in John Chap. 2: ¹ First Miracle, ² First Passover, ³ First Temple Cleansing, ⁴ First mention of His Resurrection. If there is one place in all the world that ought to be Right, it is God's House! Judgment must begin at the House of God (1 Pet. 4:17).

I. (v. 12) JESUS & HIS GROUP GO TO JERUSALEM.

Capernaum = The Capitol of Galilee, Second largest city in Israel at that time, on the Northern Coast of Sea of Galilee. Became the Headquarters for our Lord's activities during His ministry. Most of Jesus' ministry was in Galilee (many of His miracles and parables and much of His activities in Matthew, Mark and Luke).

II. (v. 13) JESUS ATTENDS THE PASSOVER IN JERUSALEM.

The Passover was 1 of 3 very important feasts observed by the Jews (Passover, Pentecost & Tabernacles). The Passover was celebrated by the Jews for their deliverance from Egypt by Moses and was to be a continuing feast for all generations. The Lamb was slain, the blood applied to the door posts and lintel, and when the Lord passed through the land that night, *'When I see the blood, I will pass over you.'* This feast was observed on the 14th of Nisan (March-April, our Easter).

NOTE: The degeneration of this great feast day: What was once *'the Lord's Passover'* (Exo. 12:11, 27, Lev. 23:5) has now become *'the Jew's Passover.'* (John 2:13).

III. (14-17) JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE.

Jesus cleansed the Temple Twice: 1st at the Beginning of His ministry, and 2nd time at the close of His ministry (Mark 11:15-17; Matt. 21:12-16; Luke 19:45-48).

A. (v. 14) WHAT JESUS FINDS IN THE TEMPLE.

1. **Merchandising** --- Buying and selling of sacrificial animals.

The People that came from some distance often waited until they got to Jerusalem to purchase their sacrificial animals. That way they were assured of their acceptance as being without spot, blemish or imperfections. These sellers of sacrificial animals filled the outer court of the Temple to sell their sheep, oxen & doves.

2. **Money Changers** --- Only Temple money could be used in the Temple. They exchanged Roman money (with Caesar's image) into Temple money for a fee.

NOTE: *'Sitting'* (v. 14) shows that they were established merchants.

B. (v. 15) WHAT JESUS DID ABOUT IT:

1. Made a Scourge (Whip) of small cords,
2. Drove them ALL out of the Temple,
3. Poured out the changer's money,
4. Overthrew the Tables.

C. (v. 16) JESUS SPOKE TO THOSE THAT SOLD DOVES.

1. *'Take these things hence; . . .'*
2. *'Make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.'*

Cleansing of the Temple

John 2:12-25

Continued

NOTE: Degrading the House of God to that of a market place; using Worship for Profit. Notice the deterioration of the spiritual condition of the Temple with the next time Jesus cleanses the Temple (Luke 19:45-46). Degenerated from a 'house of merchandise' to a 'den of thieves.'

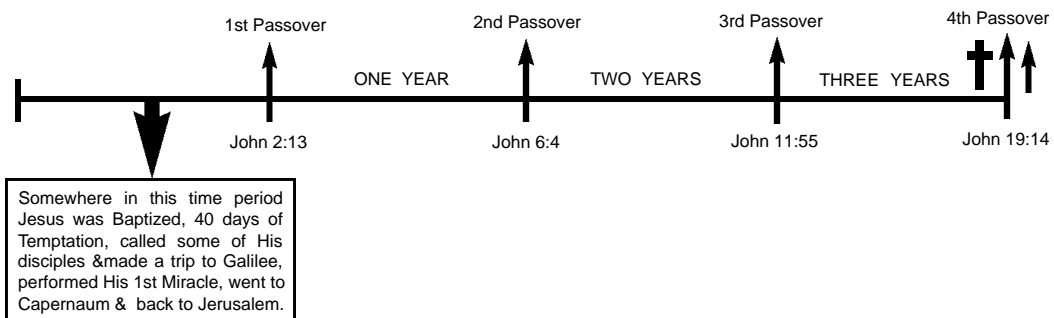
- D. (v. 17) DISCIPLES LATER REMEMBERED O. T. SCRIPTURES.
(Psa. 19:9) *'For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up, and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.'*
- E. (v. 18) THE JEWS QUESTION HIS AUTHORITY TO DO THIS.
They asked for a sign which would serve as a credential for His coming in and upsetting the temple. Only the Sanhedron (Jewish Supreme Court, or a Prophet, or the Messiah could exercise this authority.

IV. (18-22) JESUS GIVES THE SIGN OF HIS RESURRECTION.

- A. (v. 19) *'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.'*
1. **YOU** destroy this temple (Crucifixion).
 2. **I** will raise it up (3 days) (Resurrection)
- B. (v. 20) Jews Mis-understand --- They were thinking of:
1. Herod's Temple (Replacement for Solomon's Temple).
 2. 46+ years to build.
 3. Millions of dollars.
 4. Thousands of workers.
 5. And, He could do it in just **3 Days? Un-thinkable!**
- C. (v. 21) Jesus was speaking of *'the Temple of His Body.'*
- D. (v. 22) Disciples later remembered and believed this Scripture.

V. (23-25) THE RESULTS OF JESUS ATTENDING THIS PASSOVER.

- A. (v. 23) Many believed when they saw His Miracles (works).
- B. (24-25) Jesus Un-committed to Men because He knew Man.
All these believed. Believed because they saw a miracle, and not because they were convicted and changed. A mental ascent, not a heart conviction.



Do You Need a Miracle?

John 3:2

' . . . Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

INTRO: 'My kids need a MIRACLE!' Jerry Lewis, Labor Day Marathon.

Nicodemus (v. 2) Came to Jesus Christ ' . . . thou come from God for no man can do these miracles. . . ' Jesus told Nicodemus that every man needs a miracle of God in His life – the **Miracle of a New Birth..**

I. A MIRACLE OF FAITH - Wind (v. 8)

- A. In a world of doubt, simple old fashion believing.
- B. Father - Son (4:48) 'Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.'

II. A MIRACLE OF LOVE - (v. 16)

- A. Everyone needs love - if anyone needs love - it would be the unlovely.
The POOR - WEAK - UNFORTUNATE - SINNER - DEFORMED -
HELPLESS. (Woman in sin, Thief on Cross, Leper)
- B. Gift of LOVE - LIFE - LIBERTY

ILLUST: Jim & Lois Hatcher - Greg, never a Burden - always a Blessing.

III. A MIRACLE OF POWER

- A. Oh, the mighty Power of God! Power to CHANGE - HEAL - FORGIVE
- CLEANSE - SAVE - CREATE ANEW. (Walls of Jericho, deliver from
the Fiery Furnace, Jonah and Whale, Lazarus raised from dead.)
- B. (Rom. 1:16) 'I am not ashamed of the Gospel for it is the Power of
God unto salvation. . . . '

IV. A MIRACLE OF GRACE - - - Free – Full – Forever

- A. Free - Such a Miracle Would Cost Too Much.
- B. Full - Complete and Total.
- C. Forever - Not Temporary

THOT: When these four ingredients work together — Expect a Miracle.

This Generation thinks it can buy a Miracle with Money - Big Money!

The WIND -- The SPIRIT

John 3:8

'The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.'

INTRO: In John 3 we see the **Great Truths** of:

1. Absolute necessity of **Faith in Lord Jesus Christ — Faith.**
2. **Regeneration** by the **Work of the Holy Spirit — New Birth.**

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT HIMSELF.

The word for 'Wind', 'Breath', 'Spirit' is the same in Greek – '**Pneuma**'
Pneumatic Tools, Hammer, Chisel, Tires, Drill.
Pneumonia --- Inflammation of lungs.

*'The Wind is **Air in motion**'*

Though not seen by eye, nor grasped by hand, yet it really exists.
We hear it, see various effects of it (movement of leaves, dust, etc),
we can even feel it, but we never see it.
Even so — God compares the Wind with the Holy Spirit.

A. ITS FREENESS --- 'Free as the Wind' --- '*It bloweth where it listeth (pleases)*'

THOT: No Pope, Preacher, nor Priest can change its course. It will
blow according to its own sweet will, where it pleases, when it pleases,
how it pleases, as it pleases. And, So it is with the **Holy Spirit.**

B. ITS PRESENCE --- '*Thou hearest the sound thereof*'
God's way --- '*Faith cometh by HEARING.*'

Rustling of the leaves --- Hearing of the Truth (Gospel).

C. ITS MYSTERY --- '*Cometh*' and '*Goeth*'.

1. '*Cometh*' --- '*Thou canst not tell whence it cometh....*'

ILLUST: One Sermon blesses, another does not. Why?
One comes by the Spirit and the other by Self.

2. '*Goeth*' --- '*...and whither it goeth.*'

II. THOSE WHO ARE BORN OF THE SPIRIT.

A. FREENESS --- '*If the Son make you free . . .*'

'Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. . . .'

(Set free from bondage --- with Eagle's wings. We can now Pray,
Praise, Access to the Throne of God. Heb. 4:16)

B. HIS PRESENCE --- Witness --- '*Thou hearest the sound thereof. . .*'

C. MYSTERY --- His Strength, Joy, Peace, Wisdom, Guidance, etc.

HOW?

WHERE?

The New Birth

John 3:1-21

Key Verse: (v. 3) *'Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.'*

INTRO: Chapter 2 closes with *'many believed. . .when they saw the miracles . . .'* but Jesus didn't commit Himself to them. He knew their belief was due to miracles and not to heart conviction of Sin, with no sense of personal need or acknowledging Him as Lord --- but out of that group, one came personally to Jesus. This is the first recorded interview Jesus deals with the lost or unsaved person.

I. (1 - 21) JESUS TELLS NICODEMUS HOW TO BE SAVED.

Who was Nicodemus?

- ¹ A Pharisee, extremely religious;
- ² A Jew;
- ³ A Ruler & Teacher;
- ⁴ Nicodemus means *'Conqueror of people.'*

THOT: If ever a man was good enough to go to Heaven, Nicodemus would probably have been that man.

A. (1 - 2) NICODEMUS COMES TO JESUS BY NIGHT.

1. *'By night'* indicates his reserve & earnest desire.
2. He **knew** Jesus as a **Teacher**, but he needed to know Him as **Saviour**, His Saviour!

B. (3 - 7) NICODEMUS IS TOLD HE *'Must be born again.'*

(This was confusing to a Jew, who thought his favored birth entitled automatically him to the Kingdom of God.)

1. (v. 4) Nicodemus asks how can a man become a baby again? Jesus answered, *'It isn't by another **Natural Birth** which every man experiences when he is born into this life, but to enter the Kingdom of God we must do so by another birth which is **Super-natural & Spiritual.**'*
2. (v. 7) Apparently, this astonished Nicodemus, for Jesus said, *'Marvel not . . . **ye must be born again.**'*

C. (8 - 13) MYSTERY OF NEW BIRTH cf. The Wind Blowing.

(Jesus uses the Wind to illustrate how the Holy Spirit could be realized without being seen. Both can be **Felt** and **Realized**; yet, **Unseen** by the natural eye.)

D. (14-21) HOW CAN YOU BE **Born Again?** --- **Look & Live.**

1. Illustrated by Moses and the Brazen Serpent (cf. Num. 21:4-9)
2. So must we look through Faith at the Calvary work of Jesus.

Ye Must Be Born Again

John 3:3, 7

'Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.'

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If ever there was a man good enough, Nicodemus would have been that man. The name Nicodemus means **'Conqueror of People.'** When Jesus told Nicodemus *'Ye must be born again,'* it must have startled him, for he had a good birth (Jew, Chosen people). Nicodemus (like so many people) thought he was good enough, he was religious, devout, he prayed, gave, did good deeds and was born not only to a good religious family, but he was also a leader among religious people. Jesus was telling him that we are not saved by **Religion, Good Works, Position, nor Works of Righteousness**, but by a **New Birth** (2 Pet. 1:4).

This is our Lord's First Recorded Interview & It is with a Lost Man.

I. (1 - 2) NICODEMUS COMES TO JESUS BY NIGHT.

- A. *'By night'* indicates his reserve and earnest desire, he is cautious, but not because he was a coward.
- B. He knew Jesus as a Teacher, but needed to see Him as God & as Saviour.

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- B. (v. 7) Apparently, this astonished Nicodemus, for Jesus said, *'Marvel not ye must be born again.'*

III. (8 - 13) THE MYSTERY OF THE NEW BIRTH of WIND BLOWING.

Jesus used the Wind to illustrate how the Spirit could be realized without being seen. Both can be **felt** and **realized**; yet, **unseen** by the **natural eye**. We often see the results of the wind (leaves moving, dust, etc), but we fail to see the wind itself. We can even feel the gentle breeze pressing against us.

IV. (14-18) HOW YOU CAN BE *'BORN AGAIN'* - **Look & Live (Brazen Serpent)**

- A. MOSES & the BRAZEN SERPENT (Num. 21:4-9).
- B. So Must We Look by Faith at the Calvary work of Christ.

Special Notes

The Miracles of Regeneration

1. **A New Creation** --- A change in life and living (2 Cor. 5:17)
A change from Darkness to Light, from Death to Life.
2. **A New Relationship** --- Become the Sons of God (John 1:11-12; Rom. 8:14-17; and 1 John 3:1).
3. **A New Location** --- Translated into the Kingdom of His Dear Son (Col. 1:13).
4. **A New Temple** --- Your body, the Temple of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:9 and 1 Cor. 6:19-20).
5. **A New Liberty** --- The Truth (Son) shall make you free (John 8:32, 36).

The New Birth

John 3:3, 7

'Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.'

- I. **The MEANING of Regeneration** (John 1:13):
 - A. **NEGATIVELY** Considered:
 1. Not religion, nor good works, nor position, nor power.
 2. Not a reformation of the old nature.
 3. Not a physical, emotional experience.
 - B. **POSITIVELY** Considered:
 1. Regeneration is a New Creation produced only by a New Birth.
 2. It is a Spiritual Resurrection. The Old Man is spiritually dead.
 3. It is an impartation of Divine Nature (2 Pet. 1:4).
- II. **The MUST of Regeneration** (John 3:7):
 - A. The natural man is spiritually dead (Eph. 2:1).
 - B. The natural man is a child of Satan (John 8:44). We can only become a child of God through regeneration.
 - C. The natural man is alienated from God (Eph. 2:12).
- III. **The MESSAGE of Regeneration** (John 1:11-13).

¹² *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

¹³ *Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*
- IV. **The MEANS of Regeneration** (John 3:5):

It is only possible by the Blood of Christ, through the Holy Spirit, Who is the agent of regeneration.
- V. **The MIRACLES of Regeneration:**
 - A. A NEW CREATION --- A Change in Life & Living (2 Cor. 5:17).
A change from darkness to light, Death to Life (John 5:24).
 - B. A NEW RELATIONSHIP --- The Status of Sonship with God.
(John 1:11-12; Rom. 8:14-17; I John 3:1)
 - C. A NEW LOCATION --- Entrance into the Kingdom of God.
(Col. 1:13) *'Translated into the Kingdom of His dear son.'*
 - D. A NEW TEMPLE --- The indwelling of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 6:19-20).
 - E. A NEW LIBERTY --- Liberation from the slavery of sin (Rom. 6:1-2).
- VI. **The MYSTERY of Regeneration** (John 3:8-12):
 - A. THE WIND --- Type of Holy Spirit --- You can see some of the effects of it, feel the pressure of it, yet can not see the wind. (John 3:8).
 - B. EARTHLY THINGS (visible, tangible) compared with Heavenly Things (invisible, intangible).
 - C. By FAITH --- (vs 15, 16) Not by anything man has done, but in the Calvary work of Christ as He gave Himself for us on the Cross.
- VII. **The MASTER of Regeneration** (John 3:14-16):

'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'

The Greatest Verse in the Bible

John 3:16

'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'

INTRO: 3 Reasons: ¹ So full of the Gospel, no other verse like it. Only 25 words; yet, it contains a complete survey and declaration of God's provision and plan for the Salvation of All. ² Used to lead more Souls to Christ. ³ So simple. It's simplicity makes it so beautiful and so easy to accept.

I. THE GREATEST POSSIBLE LOVE.

- **DIVINE LOVE** --- It is **God** that loved the world. "Agape" love.
- **TREMENDUOUS LOVE** --- Unspeakable Love (2 Cor. 9:15).
God not only loved the world, but **so loved**. The Intensity of His love, the greatness, the magnitude. '**So**' biggest little word in the Bible: '*So Loved*'
 1. Gave His only begotten son.
 2. Sent His Spirit (Holy Spirit)
 3. Forgives, cleanses, saves, indwells, shows us with His blessings.
- **ETERNAL LOVE** --- '*Loved*' past tense --- present --- future tense.
When did it begin --- It had no beginning (God had no beginning, Eternal). God doesn't love us because Christ died for us. No! No! His love for us is an everlasting love. Amen!
- **UNIVERSAL LOVE** --- '*the world*' --- not just part, but all the World.
Not just the good, but also the bad. We do not love everybody.
- **UNMERITED LOVE** --- Christ specialized in hard cases. The people that everybody else despised and rejected.

II. THE GREATEST POSSIBLE GIFT. ¹ His Son, ² Only begotten Son.

ILLUST: Gifts (Christmas, birthday, etc) for my family --- can't buy everybody the same gift. Different gifts --- different costs. God did a miracle --- He gave a **gift** that pleases and suits everyone --- Black, white, brown, the banker, teacher, janitor, president, grocery man, bus driver, mechanic, rich, poor, good, bad, old, young.

III. THE GREATEST POSSIBLE PLAN. '*that whosoever believeth . . .*'

We are saved by '*Believing*' on Him' (trusting, receiving Him).

1. We understand what it means to '*Believe*'. We believe there is a country called the 'Philippines'. Have not been there, but believe it.
2. All can believe --- not all can work, pay, do, go, but ALL can believe.

IV. THE GREATEST POSSIBLE DELIVERANCE. '*should not perish*'.

Dear friend, if you do not believe on Lord Jesus Christ you are '*Perishing*'. You are perishing **right now!** Jesus Christ is the Life Boat.

V. THE GREATEST POSSIBLE POSSESSION. '*Everlasting life*'.

'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shall live.'

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THE BRAZEN SERPENT

John 3:14-16 and Num. 21:4-9

INTRO: John chapter three emphasizes the New Birth — the necessity, the Must of the New Birth. Religion is not enough. John Chapter 3 tells us: ¹ **WHY** we must be born again (v. 6), the Flesh is Flesh and always will be, cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; Man by nature is dead in sins and therefore, needs life from God: Man by nature is a Sinner and no sin can enter heaven, he must have a new nature fitting him for it.

² **HOW** can we be born again?

1st--- By **Word of God** 'Water' (John 15:3; Psa. 119:9; Eph. 5:2; & I Pet. 1:23)

2nd--- By **Holy Spirit** 'Spirit of God' (2 Cor. 3:6 & John 3:6).

3rd--- By **Personal Faith** 'Look' in the Crucified Son of God (John 3:14-18).

TO ILLUSTRATE HOW A PERSON COULD HAVE NEW LIFE,
JESUS TOLD NICODEMUS THE REAL MEANING OF AN OLD
TESTAMENT EXPERIENCE AMONG THE ISRAELITES.

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I. SIN (Num. 21:4-5; Rom. 3:10-23) Their Sin was Three-fold:

¹ Against God:

² Against God's Servant, Moses;

³ Against God's Provision, the Manna, a Type of Christ '....loatheth....'

II. PUNISHMENT (v. 6; Rom. 6:23; Eze. 18:4) God must punish sin.

A. Their Pitiful Condition — Snake Bitten, but ours is **Sin Bitten**.

B. The Sad Result --- 'Many died' (James 1:15; Rom. 6:23).

III. REPENTANCE (v. 7; Acts 17:30-31; 20:21; 2 Pet. 3:9) Turn-around.

A. Their Confession --- 'We have sinned....' (Luke 15:18).

B. Their Cry --- 'Pray unto the Lord' (Luke 18:13) The Publican.

IV. SALVATION REVEALED (v. 8) It was from God, Simple & Effective.

A. IT WAS NOT:

1. By Works --- Medicine, Doing the best you can, or even Praying.

2. By Turning over a New Leaf --- Doing better, changing their ways, nor by helping, ministering to others, charity, not fighting the serpents.

3. By Looking to Moses, Themselves, nor their own wounds, but ---

B. IT WAS BY:

A LOOK --- Looking from Self, from man to the Divinely appointed object of Faith, the **Lord Jesus Christ** & His Atonement on the Cross.

NOTE: The Brass Serpent on the pole is a type of Christ on the Cross.

1. Brass speaks of Divine Judgment (cf. Brazen Altar).

2. Serpent speaks of Sin (Christ became **Sin** for us). '...God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.' (Rom. 8:3).

'For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.' (2 Cor. 5:21).

V. CONDITION (v. 8) 'LOOK' (John 1:29; Isa. 45:22).

VI. DELIVERANCE (v. 9; John 3:16; 5:24).

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TO – FOR – FROM – WITH

I Tim. 1:14-15 & John 3:17

I. CHRIST BROUGHT SOMETHING TO MAN:

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Knowledge of God | 5. A Peace Offering |
| 2. A Saviour | 6. A Ransom |
| 3. A Sin Offering | 7. A Substitute |
| 4. A Burnt Offering | 8. A Sacrifice |
| 5. Grace | 10. Love |

ILLUST: This is right --- Good --- Proper
Wise Men gave Gifts
Lad gave his lunch (5 loaves, 2 fishes)
Mary gave her onintment
but --- Prodigal Son --- Ol' rags, slop, far country.

II. CHRIST DID SOMETHING FOR MAN - - - Salvation:

- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Saved Us | 10. Uses Us |
| 2. Forgave Us | 11. Rewards Us |
| 3. Cleansed Us | 12. Promotes Us |
| 4. Quickened Us | 13. Calls Us |
| 5. Reconciles Us | 14. Changes Us |
| 6. Impowers Us | 15. Comes for Us |
| 7. Enables Us | 16. Transforms Us |
| 8. In-dwells Us | 17. Presents Us |
| 9. Blesses Us | |

III. CHRIST TOOK SOMETHING FROM MAN:

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Our Deadness | 5. Our Sins |
| 2. Our Blindness | 6. Our Hell |
| 3. Our Lostness | 7. Our Burdens |
| 4. Our Separation | 8. Our Judgment |

ILLUST: Missionary in South Pacific Islands --- Took dreaded disease ---
came back to USA --- found a cure --- went back to the Islands.

IV. CHRIST DID SOMETHING WITH MAN:

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Child of God | 7. Heirs of God |
| 2. Son of God | 8. Joint Heirs with Jesus Christ |
| 3. Witness (Testimony) | 9. Temple of Holy Spirit |
| 4. Ambassador | 10. Priests |
| 5. Soldier | 11. Kings |
| 6. Steward | 12. Rule & Reign |

Nicodemus & The Woman at the Well

John Chapters 3 & 4

Compared & Contrasted

NICODEMUS

1. Man
2. Night
3. Came to Jesus
4. Highly Respected
5. Called Him Rabbi
6. Nicodemus was a Jew
7. One Wife
8. Became a Secret Disciple
9. Ruler
10. Rich
11. Named
12. Worshipped in Temple
13. Sowed not
14. Message - New Birth
15. Moral
16. Cautious talking with Him
17. Nicodemus spoke 3 times:
 - 1 Statement (v. 2)
 - 2 Questions (vs 4, 9)
18. Knew Who Jesus was
19. Sought Messiah
20. Asked Him questions
21. Keeper of the Law
22. Up & Out
23. Highest of the High
24. Educated
25. He was asked to Believe
26. As Crucified One
27. Knew Letter of the Law

Woman at Well

1. Woman
2. Noon Day
3. Jesus came to her
4. Rejected (Despised)
5. Prophet
6. She a Samaritan (Mixed Race)
7. Five Husbands (Common Law)
8. Open Disciple
9. Common
10. Poor
11. Un-named
12. Worshipped in Mount
13. Sowed
14. Message - Living Water
15. Immoral
16. Frank talking to her
17. Woman more talkative:
 - 5 Statements (15,17,19,20,25)
 - 3 Questions (vs 9, 11, 12)
18. Knew Not Who Jesus was
19. Revealed Himself as Messiah
20. Made Statements to her
21. Breaker of the Law
22. Down & Out
23. Lowest of the Low
24. Uneducated
25. She was asked to Receive
26. As Living One, Gift of God
27. Knew Letter of History.

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Key to Revival

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

John 4:1-42

Key Verse: (John 4:10) *'If thou knewest the gift of God, . . . thou wouldst have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.'*

INTRO: There is such a desperate need today for Revival. A Revival that brings people to God. The Religious Crowd of that day (the Pharisee's) hated Jesus and followed Him from Jerusalem, to His withdrawal from Judea to Galilee by way of Samaria. Sychar = *'Shechem'* was situated at the mouth of the valley formed by Mt. Ebal & Mt. Gerizim. The time, 6th hour or 6 hours from sunrise, which would be Noon.

I. (v. 4) NEED — *'And He must needs go through Samaria.'*

A. Jesus Christ said He Must NEED go through Samaria.

Just as our Lord felt the Need to come into this world to save sinners, He felt the need to go through Samaria. Going thru Samaria was not the customary route, nor the ordinary thing to do, only in extreme urgency or emergency. We ought to feel this same necessity in going to others with the Gospel.

B. The Disciples had Need to go through Samaria.

Though they were amazed at Jesus going thru Samaria, they also had need of going. If you are going to be His disciple, then you too must go where He goes and do what He does. They were unaware of the possibilities. Obedience has it's own rewards.

C. The Woman at the well Needed for Jesus to come thru Samaria.

All of the water from the wells of this world wil never satisfy, only when we drink of that Living Water, which is Jesus Christ.

D. The People of Samaria Needed Jesus to come thru Samaria.

APPLICATION: Today - - - Jesus needs to come through Bowie, Tx. and meet: 1. Your need, 2. Your Family's & Loved one's need, 3. Every Lost Soul's need, 4. Bowie's needs. How our community needs such a Visitation!

II. (7 - 15) JESUS DEALS WITH A THIRSTY SOUL.

A. (7 - 8) Christ's Approach - - - Request for a drink of water.

'Give me to drink.' (Jesus made Himself an object of need).

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

John 4:1-42

- B. (9-12) The Woman Raises Objections - - Used as Stepping Stones.

1st Objection – PEOPLE (Racial) *'For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.'* (v. 9). Much less with a Woman so questionable.

Christ's Answer: *'If thou knewest the Gift of God (John 3:16) and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; . . . thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee Living Water.'* (v. 10).

2nd Objection - PROBLEMS - The depth of the Well. She questions His ability to draw water from such a deep well (100 ft) and His Equality with Jacob who first gave them the well (vs. 11-12).

Christ's Answer: 1. *'Drink this water . . . thirst again.'*
2. *'Drink water I give . . . shall never thirst.'*

3rd Objection - PLACE of Worship - (v. 20) *'This mountain . . . Jerusalem . . .* Like many today, she was religious (?), but lost. She thought her Church was as good as any other, and probably true! But, It is not where you worship, but Who you worship!

Christ's Answer: (vs 22-24) *'But the hour (time) cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth.'*

NOTE: Jesus is saying, *It's not what you can give me, but what I can give you!* He shows her **herself**, and reveals **Himself!**

III. (16-19) JESUS DEALS WITH A SINFUL SOUL.

(This Thirsty Soul was also a **Sinful Soul**. Sin must be dealt with before Salvation can be Real.)

IV. (20-30) JESUS DEALS WITH A SEEKING SOUL.

- A. (20-24) She Questions the Place of Worship.

Like many, she was religious, she thought her Religion good as others, and probably true. One says *I'm a Baptist, another claims to be a Methodist, while yet another is Assembly, and etc..* But Jesus tells her it's not Where we worship, but **Who**. There is no merit in being a Baptist if we don't know Jesus as our Saviour.

- B. (25-26) Jesus reveals Himself as the Messiah.

- C. (v. 27) The return of His Disciples & Their amazement!

- D. (28-30) She Becomes a Flaming Evangelist to the whole City.

God help us to be like this woman and get all excited about Jesus.

NOTE: The Disciples went into town to get food & got what they went after.

This Woman went into town to Witness & got what she went after.

What are We going After?

Special Notes

John Chapter 4

**This Fallen Woman
Whom Nobody Loved or Had Confidence in
Was the Key to One of the Greatest Revival
Meetings in the New Testament**

1. The **CONDITION** of the Samaritan Woman.
Sin, Sensuality & Shame.
2. The **CONVICTION** of the Samaritan Woman.
She was convicted by the Words of Jesus.
3. The **CONFESSION** of the Samaritan Woman.
I have no husband.
4. The **CONVERSION** of the Samaritan Woman.
She left the water pot. She left the cisterns of this
world having found the fountain of Living Water.
5. The **CONVERSATION** of the Samaritan Woman.
She went away & told what had happened.

*'Come, see a man,
which told me all things that ever I did:
Is not this the Christ?'*
(John 4:29)

John 4:35

*'Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on
the fields; for they are white already to harvest.'*

Lift up Your EYES & LOOK.

Lift up Your HEART & PRAY

Lift up your FEET & GO

Lift up your HANDS & GIVE

Look on the fields:

REAP and RECEIVE

REAP and REJOICE

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Nobleman's Son Healed

How Faith Grows!

John 4:43–54

K.V.: (Rom. 10:17) *'So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.'*

INTRO: Faith in Jesus Christ is essential, absolutely necessary, vital, fundamental to salvation, and also to the whole Christian Life. We are not only saved by faith, but we are reminded that *'That therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.'* (Rom. 1:17). *'...and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.'* (1 John 5:4). *'But without faith it is impossible to please him.'* (Heb. 11:6). This incident with the Nobleman's Son shows us the progression of faith and its rewards.

I. HEARING --- He believed the report of others about Jesus and where He was.

A. The Beginning of His Faith.

B. The Background of His Faith.

Apparently he had lost faith in everything and everyone else: Doctors, Medicine, his own resources, money, and everything else. Everything else was all in vain, useless. He was destitute, bankrupt, powerless, helpless, but not Hopeless.

THOT: Oftentimes Sickness, Troubles are God's angels in disguise.

C. The Basis of His Faith. Faith in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THOT: Though he believed all he had heard about Jesus Christ, and believed that Jesus was his only help and hope. His son was still sick unto death.

II. SEEKING --- 'He went unto Him...' (v. 47) Capernaum to Cana (25 miles).

Faith Hearing becomes Faith Seeking --- Stirred to action, Feet to His Prayers.

Time Element (1) How long and tedious the trip there (Doubts and fears).
(2) One day back home.

III. PLEADING --- '...besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.' (v. 47) 'Sir, come down ere my child die.' (v. 49).

A. The Reality of His Faith: The realness of his faith. Earnest, Humble, Begged.

B. The Quality of His Faith (v. 48) *'Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.'*

IV. RESTING --- 'The man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.' (v. 50). Can you see him: His tense look goes from his face, his hands unclinch, his body relaxes, a smile on his face, calmness, peace, joy in his heart.

A. Stopped Praying.

B. Started Proving *'And he went his way.'* (v. 50).

C. Soon - Started Praising.

V. REJOICING --- Faith Confirmed 'He knew' (v. 53).

Our Extremity is His Opportunity. Amen!

THE POOL OF BETHESDA

John 5:1–47

K.V.: (John 5:24) *‘Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.’*

INTRO: Each Miracle in the Gospel of John is to ¹ **Convince us of Christ’s Love;** ² **Prove His Deity;** and ³ **Cause the Unsavd to Believe on Him that they might have LIFE.** So far, Jesus has been identified by John the Baptist as the Lamb of God; called several of His disciples to follow Him; supplied the new wine for the wedding in Cana; cleansed His Father’s House (the Temple in Jerusalem); witnessed to Nicodemus on the New Birth; witnessed to the Woman at the Well; healed the Nobleman’s son; and now He shows how He can help even one so helpless and hopeless.

I. (1 – 16) The Impotent Man Healed at the Pool of Bethesda.

- A. (1 – 4) The Circumstances --- Where, When, What, Why, & How?
 - Where? Jerusalem, Pool of Bethesda, by the Sheep Market.
 - When? Feast of the Jews (v. 1), Sabbath (v. 9).
 - What? Great multitude of Impotent folk (Blind, Halt, Withered).
 - Why? Special visitation of an angel, certain season, troubled waters, first step in made whole. Apparently, only one was healed.
- B. (5 – 9) A Certain Man --- Healed.
 1. Jesus Finds Him --- Where would you expect to find sick people? Hospital? Jesus came to Him.
 2. Jesus Speaks to Him --- *‘Wilt thou be made whole?’* (v. 6)
‘Do you want to be healed?’ ‘Do you want to be saved?’ ‘Do you want to be forgiven?’ ‘Do you want made whole?’ or “Do you want to continue on as you are?”
 3. Jesus Heals Him --- *‘Rise, take up . . . and walk.’* (v. 8)
 - Rise --- Commanded to exercise his faith.
 - Take up thy bed --- No provision to lay back down.
 - Walk --- Exercise to ¹ Strengthen yourself, and ² Testimony.
- C. (10–13) The Jews Accuse Man of Violating the Sabbath.
- D. (14–16) Jesus Finds Man in Temple & Jews Persecute Jesus.
 - Jesus confirms the miracle and assures him with warning.
 - Jews seek to persecute and slay Jesus for 2 reasons:
 1. Breaking the Sabbath (desecration).
 2. Making Himself equal with God (blasphemy).

THE POOL OF BETHESDA

John 5:1–47

II. (19-30) THE JEWS QUESTION THE DEITY OF JESUS.

A. (19-20) THE SON'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER.

1. Dependent on the Father.
2. Equal with the Father.
3. Communion (Fellowship & Harmony) with the Father.

B. (21-30) THE SON'S RELATIONSHIP WITH MAN.

1. (24-26) LIFE (Natural and Spiritual)(His Life - Eternal).
2. (28-29) RESURRECTION --- 2 Resurrections, 1000 years apart.
 - Resurrection of Life (I Thess. 4:13-18; I Cor. 15; & Rev. 20:5)
 - Resurrection of Damnation (Rev. 20:11-15).
3. (27, 30) JUDGMENT --- '*Because He is the Son of Man.*' (v. 22)

NOTE: There is a Seven-fold Declaration of His Deity:

1. (17-18) Equal with the Father (in works).
2. (v. 19) Unity (Oneness).
3. (v. 20) Love (Baptism, Mt. Transfiguration, Jo. 3:16).
4. (v. 21) Life (*Quickeneth*).
5. (22-23) Judgment (Honour).
6. (24-26) Eternal Life (His Life).
7. (27-30) Power (Authority - Resurrection).

III. (31-47) SEVEN-FOLD WITNESS Proving His Deity:

1. (v. 37) **Father** '*The Father Himself. . .hath borne witness of me.*'
2. (v. 31) **Son** '*If I bear witness of myself....*'
3. (v. 32) **Holy Spirit** '*There is another that beareth witness of me....*'
4. (v. 33) **John the Baptist** '*He bare witness unto the truth.*' (also, v. 36).
5. (v. 36) **Works of Jesus** '*the same works that I do, bear witness....*'
6. (v. 39) **Scriptures** '*....they testify of me.*'
7. (v. 46) **Moses** (the Law) '*For he wrote of me.*'

(Deut. 19:15) '*At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.*'

(Mt 18:16) '*.... then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.*'
(also, 2 Cor. 13:1)

The Impotent Man at the Pool of Bethesda

John 5:1-9

INTRO: This is the first of seven miracles performed on the **Sabbath Day**. Each of these Sabbath Day miracles increased the Jews hatred for Jesus. This man's needs were very evident (everybody has needs, some more evident than others. If you think you have no need, you have the greatest need of all.) This Pool of Bethesda was famous for its healing powers. The Biblical Modern Day Church should compare to this Open-Air Hospital as a **House of Mercy**. **Bethesda** means House of Mercy.

I. PITIFUL CONDITION - - - Hopeless Condition.

37 Years of Helplessness leads to Hopelessness. Result of Sin (v. 14). Sin is the most terrible disease of all --- Absolutely Hopeless. This House of Mercy was his last and only hope. The Mercy of God is the Sinner's last and only Hope.

II. HUMBLE CONDITION - - - 'Certain man was there'

Where? Among the '*. . .halt, Blind, Withered, Waiting. . .*' His presence there spoke of the great need in his life. When that Wretched Publican, Mary Magdalene, Prodigal Son, Dying Thief took their place ---

They found Mercy.

III. DOING THE BEST HE COULD (v. 7)

'While I am coming, another steppeth down before me.'

His best ends in failure and disappointment. Salvation is not by what we can do, not by works. Doing the **best** he could --- **wasn't good enough**.

IV. BLESSED SAVIOUR (v. 6) 'When Jesus saw ... knew ... saith.'

This man, like so many today, was waiting for a better time (a more convenient season). That's not what he needed --- He needed someone to save him - - -

WHERE HE WAS! AS HE WAS!

- (v. 1) Feast of the Jews – Passover Feast.
- (v. 2) Sheep market – This was the Sheep Market for Sacrificial Animals.
Bethesda means House of Mercy
Five (5) Porches --- The number 5 speaks of **Grace** all through the Bible
- (v. 3) Great Multitude of folks. List the 5 types of needy people that were there:
Impotent (helpless), Blind, Halt (crippled), Withered (wasting away, dried up), and Waiting.
- (v. 4) '*An angel*' --- Stirred the waters, first one stepped in, was healed.
- (v. 5) '*38 years*' --- Could well be a type of Israel (helplessly imprisoned in the desert 38 years because of their Sin (unbelief) as this man was also helpless imprisoned in weakness because of his sin.
- (v. 6) '*Jesus saw ... knew ... saith*' --- Remember, there were 100's of others there, but Jesus noticed this particular one. '*Wilt thou be made whole?*' --- Do you want to be well? Saved? Forgiven?
- (v. 7) '*I have no man*' --- Realized he needed outside help. He couldn't do it by himself. The best he could do, wasn't good enough.
- (v. 8) '*Jesus saith*' --- Jesus can heal by His Word alone. With the command to '*Arise*'; also, came the power to do it. Impossible? 38 years Crippled!
- (v. 14) '*Thou art made whole; sin no more. . .*'
- (v. 24) Is Eternal Life just a Future Possession? Or is it a Present Reality?

Wilt Thou Be Made Whole?

John 5:1–15

INTRO: The Church is a modern day Pool of Bethesda, an open air Hospital. Doctor's Offices are full, Clinics are overflowing, Hospitals, Treatments centers, Therapy places full. In fact, everything that applies to physical needs of man is maxed out. Even the Shrinks are flourishing.

'WHOLE?' Since the beginning of time, Man's fall — Man has not been 'whole'. Even at his very best man is a long way short of what God intended him to be. We have all come short of the glory of God. Man was created perfect, but chose to sin against God. Sorrow, suffering, shame & death has been his lot ever since. The only hope for man's fallen condition is for the Lord to do a miracle work in his life. This is what the Lord was doing here at the Pool of Bethesda.

I. Christ Sought the Needy (Not the righteous).

II. What He did for ONE (1) — He could do for Anyone & Everyone

III. But — He shows us that the One who received Help (His Blessing)
is the One who responded to His Command by Faith.

- What Jesus did for him — He will do for you!
- Why were there not more Healed?
 1. God knows who will respond by faith.
 2. Others were so obsessed with their Troubles:
 - Their own method of healing, preconceived ideas of healing.
 - Unbelief – Doubt – Others, but not themselves

ILLUST: Don Kingsborough — Atari —

When 8 yrs old, came down stairs, family was all gathered around TV, watching wrestling. Dad was drinking beer, smoking cigarettes, room filled with smoke. There were people, smoke, drink, noise, but emptiness. He thought of the wasted opportunities and senseless lack of achievement. Only one word described his ambition in life, 'Success'. He began to try to work his way out of that — so occupied, Success, Computers, married, 3 children, money, prospered, home, cars, private clubs, Empty!

Fame, Fortune — Still Empty

Drink, Dope, Sex — Still Empty

His marriage began to fall apart,

Wife left him, divorce, took children,

More Pressure — More Sin.

Empty — Failure — Losing it all — All in jeopardy

Couldn't sleep — Tormented

Was he losing his mind? Was he sick? Was he dying?

In desperation he crawled out of bed, on his knees – cried out,

"Oh, God, please help me, forgive me, come into my life, straighten my life out — I ask for your forgiveness." Then for the first time in his whole life he realized that that gnawing emptiness was gone. That there was a peace, a peace of God. **That's success!**

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Feeding of the 5000

John 6:1-14

INTRO: This is the only miracle recorded in all four of the Gospels. It also had the greatest audience (5000 men plus the women and children). In chapter 5:8, Jesus commanded the man to 'rise' to demonstrate his faith and now in chapter 6:10 the men are commanded to 'sit down' for blessing and nourishment. Christ ever calls men to rise from their sinful condition and to seat themselves at His feet for blessing and nourishment. (cf Maniace of Gadara, Mark 5:15).

'He that could make one man chase a thousand, could make one loaf feed a thousand.' Matthew Henry

I. (1 – 4) **TIME, PLACE & CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS MIRACLE.**

- A. The **TIME** (29 A.D.)(vs. 1 & 4) Approximately 5 to 6 months lapse between Chap. 5 & Chap. 6. The Feast of 5:1 (Feast of Tabernacles, Lev. 23:34) occurs in October and the coming Pasover in April (Winter months).
- B. The **PLACE** --- Eastern side of the Sea of Galilee. This inland sea has at least 3 names: ¹ Sea of Galilee, ² Sea of Tiberias (so named by Herod after the Emperor), and ³ Sea of Gennesaret.

II. (5 – 7) **CHRIST'S CONCERN FOR THE MULTITUDE.**

(There's a difference in the way we see **People!** Do we see them as Jesus did? Not as so many head of cattle or as so many hands for work, but as **precious souls** who need **feeding**?)

- A. Jesus Saw the Need & Calls Attention to His Disciples.
- B. Philip Saw the Cost & Calls Attention to the Cash.
- C. Andrew Saw the Crowd & Calls Attention to the Lad.

It looked so hopeless, so little for so many. The need always seems larger than the supply.
Do we have this same Negative Attitude today?

III. (8 – 9) **THE LAD WITH HIS LUNCH of 5 LOAVES & 2 FISHES.**

(There are at least 3 Things this Lad could have done with his lunch)

- A. **EAT IT HIMSELF** – It was his lunch and he was probably hungry. . .
- B. **SHARE IT** with 2 or 3 **FRIENDS** – Each could have had a little and certainly people would have thought him unselfish and extremely generous, or ---
- C. **GIVE IT TO JESUS** – Christ who was (and is) able to increase it to provide enough and more for all, with an abundance left over.

NOTE: Christ can do more with our little than we could with a lot. He can get more out of our lives than we can, if we will give ourselves to Him.

Little is much, if God is in it.

IV. (10-11) **THE 5000 ARE FED.** We see - - -

- A. **ORGANIZATION** – The People were Divided & Seated in groups of 50 to facilitate serving and overlook none (see Luke 9:14).
- B. **APPRECIATION** – Christ '*Blessed and brake*' the bread & fishes. If Jesus gave thanks to God, how much more should we? (Matt. 6:41).
- C. **DISTRIBUTION** – The Disciples carry the Bread to the People. They could not Increase, but they could Distribute the Bread. We too can and must distribute the Bread of Life, but only Christ can Multiply! We can only give that which we have first received from Him.

V. (12-13) **The LEFTOVERS** – The **Gathering**, the **Collection**, the **Compensation**.

- A. Nothing was **LOST** in spite of much left over (surplus) (see v.39).
- B. Who got the 12 baskets full left over? The Disciples or the Lad?

NOTE: Do as the Disciples did, keep going back to Him Who is the Fountain of all power and grace that you might receive Spiritual Food for the Multitudes. Only by scattering abroad can we hope to increase (Prov. 11:24).

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God Has a Plan

John 6:5-13 (v. 6)

'And this He said to prove him: for He Himself knew what He would do.'

INTRO: Every trial, problem, obstacle, difficulty, set back is not there to stop us, hinder us, destroy us, but to prove us, strengthen us, build us, help us, teach us. They are not necessarily **Stumbling Stones**, but probably more like **Stepping Stones**.

I. (v. 6) **GOD ALWAYS HAS A PLAN** - - - For Every Circumstance.

' . . . for He Himself knew what He would do.'

- # 1 Adam & Eve expelled from Garden --- God had a plan.
 - Seed of the woman --- A Saviour.
 - Blood of the Lamb --- A Redeemer.
 - Redemption --- A Salvation.
- # 2 Noah – Ark --- Type of Christ --- God had a plan.
- # 3 Abraham – Isaac – Jacob --- God had a plan.
- # 4 Joseph – Egypt – Brethren --- God had a plan.
- # 5 Passover – Lamb Slain – Blood Applied --- God had a plan.
- # 6 Joshua – Jericho --- God had a plan.
- # 7 Jonah – Whale --- God had a plan.
- # 8 John the Baptist --- God had a plan.
- # 9 Jesus Christ – Cross --- God had a plan.
- #10 Apostle Paul --- God had a plan.
- #11 Second Coming of Christ --- God has a plan.
- #12 Your Life – My Life --- God has a plan.

II. **GOD IS NEVER TAKEN BY SURPRISE.**

His infinite wisdom - - - Panoromic view from Eternity to Eternity.

God knows the end from the beginning.

Moses --- *'Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.'*

What comes as a surprise to us, never catches God off-guard. God is never taken by surprise! He is abundantly able and His grace is always sufficient.

III. **GOD'S RESOURCES ARE UNLIMITED** --- *'He is able to do exceeding, abundantly, above all we can even ask or think. . .'*

- The Apostles – 5 loaves, 2 fishes --- but what is that. . . ?
Inadequate, so little, need so great!
- God doesn't need us --- but we sure do need Him.
- but – Little is much, if God is in it!
- God can take our little (our nothing) & add His Something.

ILLUST: Widow of Zarephath --- Handful of meal. . . oil (I Kings 17).

III. **GOD WANTS TO MAKE HIS RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO US.**

To show His disciples, His followers that He can abundantly supply. Not just material things (Food), but His Love, Grace, Forgiveness, Cleansing, Presence, Power, Wisdom, Glory, Himself.

Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

Use It - - Bless It - - Increase It

John 6:9-14

'There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?'

INTRO: Our Lord wanted men (people) not only to Call on Him, to Come to Him, Trust Him, Receive Him, but also, to put into His hands what they had. Not only your Faith, your Soul, but your Talents, Skills, Time, Heart, etc. Why? So that He could

Use It --- Bless It --- Increase It!

- I. **PETER'S BOAT** (Luke 5:1-10)
 - **Use It** --- Preached to the multitude
 - **Bless It** --- Great multitude of fishes
 - **Increase It** --- Forsook all, and followed Him.
- II. **PETER** (Matt. 4:19)
 - **Use him** --- "Follow me"
 - **Bless him** --- "Fishers of men"
 - **Increase him** --- Difference between a 'Fisher of Fish' and a 'Fisher of Men' is that a 'Fisher of Fish' catches 'live ones and they die' but a 'Fisher of Men' catches 'dead ones' and they 'live'.
- III. **MARTHA'S & MARY'S HOME - - - Lazarus** (Luke 10:38-42; John 11)
 - **Use them**
 - **Bless them**
 - **Increase them**
- IV. **MARY - - - Alabaster Box** (John 12)
- V. **LAD'S LUNCH - - - 5000+** (John 6:9)
- VI. **ZACCHAEUS - - - Tree** (Luke 19:1-10)
- VII. **VIRGIN MARY'S WOMB - - - Womb - Tomb - Room** (Luke 1:31)
- VIII. **TEN LEPERS - - -** (Luke 17:11-19)
- IX. **HOUSE TOP - - - Broken up** (Mark 2:1-12)
- X. **WATER JUG - - - Drink** (John 4:14)
- XI. **TEMPLE FLOOR - - -** (Luke 8:3-11)
- XII. **JOSEPH'S TOMB - - -** (John 19:38-42)
- XIII. **CROSS - - - Barabbas - - - Salvation** (Luke 23:18)

EVERYTHING GOD USES – HE BLESSES – HE INCREASES

' . . . But God giveth the increase.' (I Cor. 3:6,7)

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BREAD of LIFE

John 6:22-71

K.V.: (John 6:47-48) *'Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. 48 I am that bread of life.'*

INTRO: The events of this lesson occur the next day after the feeding of the 5000 and result from that miracle. Though this Chapter may seem difficult to teach, keep in mind why this Gospel of John was written *'that ye might believe.'* Notice that the people were coming to the **right person**, but for the **wrong reason**. They were believing in Moses rather than Jesus and they were angered at His teaching rather than satisfied.

I. (22-59) **JESUS, THE BREAD OF LIFE.**

- A.** (22-26) The People were seeking the bread for their stomachs rather than for their souls.
- B.** (27-29) They were wanting to **Do** and **Work** (Religion of Man). The Law says: *'Do and thou shalt live.'*
- C.** (30-34) **Seeing is Believing or Believing is Seeing!!!!**
They desire a **Sign** equal to Moses giving the Manna. Jesus corrects their wrong thinking of Moses and the Manna —
 - 1. It was God, not Moses, who gave them the true Bread.
 - 2. That *'the bread of God. . . giveth life.'* Manna was good for only one day at a time, it couldn't give the life He was talking about.
 - 3. That *'the bread of God. . . giveth life **unto the World.**'* Not just to the Jews only, but the whole World.
 - 4. That *'the bread of God **Is HE.** . . '* a Person, not it.
- D.** (35-40) Jesus said, *'**I Am** the Bread of life'* (v. 48).
(This is the First of '**I Am's**' in John's Gospel. Find the rest.)
- E.** (41-48) **Jesus answers the murmuring Jews.**
- F.** (49-59) **Eating & Drinking the Flesh & Blood** of Jesus.
(cf. this with v. 40, 47, & 35. If '**coming**' to Jesus satisfies the **Hunger**, and '**believing**' satisfies the **Thirst**; then coming and believing are used here to express the idea of **Eating** and **Drinking**.)

NOTE: The Jews knew what it meant to eat part of the sacrifice, but *'Drinking the blood'* was forbidden and caused their eyebrows to go up.

II. (60-71) **DIVISION AMONG HIS OWN FOLLOWERS.**

- A.** (60-65) **This Teaching was hard to Receive & very Offensive.**
(The Blood has always been Offensive to some, but Sin that needs washing is even more repulsive than the Blood that Cleanses it. Those offended by this teaching are no more refined than He who taught it.)
- B.** (v. 66) **Many Turn Back and Walk No More With Him.**
- C.** (67-69) **A Call to Decision** --- Jesus asks – Peter Answers
- D.** (70-71) **Jesus Speaks of His Betrayer** – Judas Iscariot.

Re-study these special verses: 29, 35, 40, 47, & 69.

Walking on the Water

(5th Miracle)

John 6:16-21; Matt. 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-51

INTRO: STORMS CHANGE EVERYTHING!!! They do? It's one thing to believe when you are in Christ's presence, eating the bread of Plenty but it's something else when Trouble comes. Real Faith is strengthened by Storms - - - The Wind, Waves, Clouds, Sickness, Trials, Troubles only drive the Child closer to the Parent. **'The Juniper Tree isn't very far from the Top of Mt. Carmel!'**

I. OUTSTANDING FEATURE OF EACH OF THESE THREE ACCOUNTS:

(Each of these accounts tell us something that the others don't. . . yet perfect harmony)

- A. Matt. 14:28-31 Matthew tells us of Peter's experience of
Walking — Sinking — Crying
- B. Mark 6:48 Mark alone tells how Christ, though separated from them by
Distance & Darkness was Watching their every effort ---
Overshadowing their lives
- C. John 6:21 John is the only one to tell us how they
Willingly received Him into the ship,
and, when **Jesus Arrived - - - They Arrived.**

II. OUTSTANDING LESSONS TAUGHT IN THIS MIRACLE:

#1 CHRIST'S COMMISSION

The Disciples after **braking & eating** Bread (Type of Lord's Supper, the Bread pictures body of Christ broken on Cross) are commanded to enter boat and go before Him (Matt. 14:22) which is like the **GREAT COMMISSION**, just before His **Ascension**.

#2 CHRIST'S ASCENSION

After sending Multitude away, Christ ascends up into Mountain to pray (Mt. 14:23).

NOTE:

- 1. His Ascension --- Into the Heavens (Acts 1:9) Prophet
- 2. His Position - - - Right Hand of God (Col. 3:1) King
- 3. His Purpose - - - Interceding (Rom. 8:34) Priest

#3 CHRIST'S CHURCH

This view of Church in the Storm is typical of its unfriendly reception by the World. The Cross, Rejection, Persecution, Ridicule, are only some of weapons used against...

NOTE: Though THREATENED, they were not DESTROYED. Amen!

'Gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.'

#4 CHRIST'S RETURN

A Miraculous, Personal, Visible return of the Lord! What a picture!

Christ Coming **TO & FOR** His Persecuted, Tempted, Troubled Church!

- Immediately the Storm is over
- The Harbour is reached - - - the Haven of Rest.
- Heaven is Gained &
- 'So shall we ever be with the Lord.'

THOT: The End of the story is not **SHIP-WRECK**, but **VICTORY - - -**

Christ is MASTER of the Universe - - -
Why not your Heart & Soul . . . NOW!

WILL YE ALSO GO AWAY?

John 6:67-68

'Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?'

INTRO: This text suggests 2 burning questions? ¹ Why do people go away from Jesus? ² Where do they go? For He alone is Salvation, Life, Saviour, Lord, God.

I. FIRST QUESTION ---Why do people go away?

Basically --- Lack of understanding. They really don't know Who Jesus is!

To Know Jesus – Is To Love Him!

A. They Rejected His Message --- *'Too hard'* (v. 60).

He expects too much --- They fail to realize that He takes away Death, Hell, Grave, Judgment, Bondage and gives us Life, Heaven, Mercy, Grace, Freedom, and a Heritage. Who wouldn't give up sadness, sorrow, misery for Heaven on earth and glory hereafter.

Bible preaching if offensive to unbeliever.

B. The Fear of Man bringeth a Snare.

It traps us, limits us, hinders us, enslaves us, dooms & damns us.

ILLUST: A Judge was save --- Several Lawyers were saved as result.

C. Putting Off --- Procrastination --- *'Manana'*

'To make no decision --- is worst decision of all.'

D. Too Busy --- too involved.

E. Loving Wrong Things --- Blinded --- More interested in Earthy than Eternal.

II. SECOND QUESTION --- 'Where do they go?'

A. Saved Person --- Backsliding --- Bondage --- Strange Land --- Egypt.

B. Un-Saved --- Die in their sins (Sinful state) --- Death --- Hell.

THOT: If you go away from Jesus Christ --- You are left with:

1. No Remedy for Sin --- No Forgiveness --- No Hope
2. No Comfort in Sorrow --- No Joy, no peace, no deliverance
3. No Hope in Death --- Forever separated from God, Loved ones

THOT: Not too OLD --- but too COLD

Not too BUSY --- but too BACKSLIDDEN

Jesus Attends the Feast of Tabernacles

John 7:1-53

Key Verse: (John 7:37b-38) *'If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.'*

INTRO: This Feast is the most joyous of all the Jewish Feasts. It was in memory of God's provision for their fathers during the 40 years wandering in the Wilderness. During these 8 days they moved out of their houses and lived in a tent, lean-to, or booth made with branches. Much like our Home Coming, Pioneer or Frontier Day Celebrations. Each day a group of priests would parade from the pool of Siloam carrying water in golden vessels which were carried to the Temple and poured out by the Brazen Altar. They would sing about drawing water from the Wells of Salvation (Isa. 12:3). The Feast of Tabernacles pictures the Millennial reign of Christ (1000 years of perfect bliss).

I. (1 - 9) THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES IS AT HAND.

A. (1 - 5) THE UNBELIEF OF CHRIST'S BRETHREN.

They were anxious for Jesus to go where all the people were gathering and perform some great miracle that the people would accept Him. Compare this with Satan's attempt in the wilderness when he took Jesus to the pinnacle of the Temple and bid Him cast Himself down. Do something SENSATIONAL to impress the crowd.

Their motive according to v. 5 is simply UNBELIEF.

B. (6 - 9) CHRIST WAS LIVING A DIVINELY TIMED LIFE.

That's why He arrived at the well just at the right time; that's why He entered the Temple just when the man with the withered hand was there - - - Always on Time - - - Never too Early, nor ever too Late.

II. (10-13) JESUS SECRETLY GOES UP TO THE FEAST.

(Pilgrim groups traveled together from Galilee to Judea)

III. (14-36) JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF IN THE MIDST OF THE FEAST.

(Christ's presence has always caused offense to some)

A. (14-18) THEY QUESTION HIS WORDS (His Education).

B. (19-24) THEY QUESTION HIS WORKS (John 5:16).

(His healing of the Impotent Man at the Pool of Bethesda)

C. (25-36) THEY QUESTION HIS MISSION (Read vs 33-36).

IV. (37-53) THE LAST & GREATEST DAY OF THE FEAST.

A. (37-39) CHRIST, the WATER of LIFE.

1. (v. 37) Christ stood and cried *'Come. . .and drink.'*

2. (v. 38) Rivers of Living Water - - - **Overflowing.**

NOTE: Artesian well --- You can not poison an Artesian Well!

3. (v. 39) The METHOD - - - Abiding of the Holy Spirit.

B. (40-44) OPEN DIVISION AMONG THE PEOPLE because of HIM.

C. (45-53) SOLDIERS RETURN & NICODEMUS DEFENDS CHRIST.

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A SINNER SET FREE

John 8:1-11

INTRO: The Scribes & Pharisees are not very happy right now — their feast was spoiled by Jesus. First, the people's talk has stirred them to do something; then His words and works caused others to believe; then, Soldiers were sent to arrest Him, but they didn't return until the last day without Him with no other excuse but that they had never heard such great preaching. The last straw was when one of their own leaders (Nicodemus) cautions them against hasty judgment — their meeting broke up, but not their desire to destroy Jesus. The next day they catch a woman in sin which suggests their next move. They bring her to the Temple (the Treasury, v. 20) where Jesus is teaching. Also, notice the emphasis that Jesus puts upon teaching (If people are going to know doctrine (truth), they must be taught in Bible Classes or Sunday School).

I. (4 - 6) NOTICE HOW STRONG THEIR CASE IS AGAINST THIS WOMAN.

- A. (v. 4) **THE CASE IS COMPLETE** --- (Absolutely Air-tight).
You can't get a stronger case than this, she was caught in the very act of sin. This is the strongest evidence in any trial. Often the evidence is lacking and circumstantial evidence is strong enough to convict (cf. Lindberg kidnap case).
NOTE: I've often wondered about the man, both were equally guilty.
- B. (v. 5) **THE LAW IS PERFECTLY CLEAR AS TO THE PENALTY.**
Moses, the Law-giver, had already said that such '*...shall be put to death.*' (Lev. 20:10); both the **Man** and the **Woman**. The method was to be by **stoning to death**. What right do we have to treat this sin so lightly today?
- C. (v. 6) **THIS LOOKED LIKE THE PERFECT TRAP.** '*This they said, Tempting....*'
The word '*Tempting*' used here means to bring out the evil in someone. Either way Jesus answered, He would be condemned.
 - 1. If He said '*She should be stoned*' then He was rebelling against Roman Law (John 18:31). It was not lawful for the Jews to put any to death; yet, they stoned Stephen (Acts 7:58), and tried to kill Jesus several times. Also, if He commanded her to be stoned, then He wasn't the **Friend of Sinners**.
 - 2. If He said '*She shouldn't be stoned*', then He was guilty of breaking God's Law; so, seemingly either way He answered, they would condemn Him.

II. (7 - 11) THE LORD DEFENDS THE SINNER, BUT NOT THE SIN.

- A. (7- 9) **JESUS ANSWERS THE LAW WITH THE LAW** (or, Looking for an Executioner). '*He that is **without sin**. . .first cast a stone.*' How many were there without sin? Notice how many were left there to judge this woman. They were all guilty of sin, and therefore not a one of them could cast that first stone. Only Jesus was present without sin and He alone was qualified to condemn her (v.46).
- B. (v. 10) **JESUS ANSWERS LAW WITH GRACE.** '*Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?*'
- C. (v. 11) **JESUS ANSWERS GRACE WITH GRACE.** Grace with a warning.
'*Neither do I condemn thee: Go, and sin no more.*'

NOTE: The Case against us is also complete, '*For ALL (you & me) have sinned....*' The Law is perfectly clear as to our Judgment. '*The SOUL that sinneth, it shall surely die.*' But, Praise God, Jesus stepped in & paid the PRICE, setting us FREE (Rom. 8:1).

Dying In Your Sins

John 8:21,24

INTRO: There are some things worse than **Dying** - even the most tragic of deaths.

Constantly the news is full of SAD TRAGEDIES -

- (1) 28 School Children - Choir - Off of Bridge
- (2) Airplane Crash
- (3) Ammonia Truck - 4 Killed - 128 Hospitalized
- (4) 6 Million Jews in Germany
- (5) Convalescent Home Fire
- (6) Tornado
- (7) Tidal Wave (May 1985) Bangladesh
- (8) Ethiopia - Millions

Yes, there is something worse than DYING - - - That is, to
DIE IN YOUR SINS. To die without Christ.

Sin Is A Terrible Thing & the Accumulation of Sins - worse

3 REASONS WHY PEOPLE DIE IN THEIR SINS.

Is sin really so bad? Everybody seems to enjoy it.

- I. (v. 24) **UNBELIEF** "If ye believe not that I am He,
ye shall die in your sins."

Unbelief has:

- (1) Stolen many a Blessing - Kadesh-Bar
- (2) Lost many a Battle
- (3) Destroyed many a Home - Achan
- (4) Defeated many an Army
- (5) Defiled many a Character
- (6) Robbed Many A Miracle - Jesus Christ Home Town.
- (7) Doomed Many A Soul (Acts 24:25) Felix, *'When I have a more convenient season, I will call for thee.'*

- II. (Jo. 5:40) **STUBBORNNESS** *"Ye will not come to me,
that ye might have life"*

I know I should do it - I plan to do it - but not now.

- III. (Jo. 3:19) **SIN - SINFULNESS** - *"This is the condemnation that Light
is come into the world, & men loved darkness rather than light,
because their deeds...evil."*

Men get caught up in the WEB of SIN.

**YOU NEED NOT DIE IN YOUR SIN -
YOU CAN RIGHT NOW DIE TO SIN!**

**The Natural Man has only one birth and dies twice,
The Spiritual Man has two births and dies only once.**

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6TH MIRACLE

Sight Given To Man Born Blind

John 9:1-41

INTRO: In Chapter 8 the Light was introduced and in Chapter 9 eyes are opened to see It. The Light that forgave the Sinful Woman, exposed and convicted her accusers now enlightens a man born blind and puts to shame his haters. Both the sinful woman and the blind man are types of much that is called **Religion** and the **World**. Religion that is Sinful and Adulterous (Judg. 2:17) and the World like a beggar - poor and Spiritually Blind.

Notice 2 things: (1) The Progress that the Blind Man makes from total darkness to full revelation of Light, and (2) How far the ungodly will go to reject Christ.

I. (1-7) JESUS GIVES SIGHT TO THE MAN BORN BLIND

A. (1-3) A Common Mistake - "Whose fault...?"

1. Disc. thought - "SPECIAL SUFFERING - SPECIAL SIN."

2. Jesus did not imply their SINLESSNESS but that this affliction wasn't the result of a Special Sin.

3. No attempt is made to explain Mystery of pain but "Not a time for Fussing but opportunity for ACTION."

B. (4-5) Jesus, The Light of the World

This Blind Man is like the entire world in its Poverty & Spiritual Blindness. Christ is the Light & will give Light to **All** who believe Him. (John 8:12 and 12:35)

C. (6-7) Eyes Opened - Trusting and Obeying

At first the man could not see Jesus but was conscious of His presence and believed His promise enough to obey. How true of a Lost Person - Believes before he sees.

II. (8-33) THE MAN'S TESTIMONY AND HIS FRUSTRATED ENEMIES

(Real Salvation is fast spreading news) Perfected in the fires.

A. (8-12) Questioned By His Curious Neighbors

After assuring themselves of his identity, they question the How of the Miracle & Whereabouts of its Worker. He gives a very Simple & Straight Forward Testimony (v.12)

B. (13-17) Questioned By The Prejudiced Pharisees

They question it being of God since it was done on the Sabbath, the Day God Rested. (See Gen. 2:12 & Ex. 20:11)

C. (18-23) He's Deserted By His Cowardly Parents and They Are Questioned by the Pharisees, the parents identify their son; acknowledge his blindness from birth but refuse to commit themselves further for fear.

D. (24-33) Re-Questioned By The Pharisees & Threatened

The Miracle proves the Deity of Christ, if they accept the fact they must accept Christ; so they deny all.

III. (34-38) EX-COMMUNICATED RIGHT INTO THE ARMS OF JESUS

Greatest thing that could have happened to him. Thrown out of the church that rejects Christ. Frees him from all religious prejudices & to walk in the LIGHT.

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Jesus The Light of the World

John 5:31-47 & John 9:5

Jesus said 'I AM the light of the World.'
They said, 'Your witness is not true - - -
You have to have at least 2 witnesses.'
Jesus said, 'There are 2 who are bearing witness. . .
I AM,.....and My Father.'

This is a dark world of:

Crime	Sin Abounding	Violence
Wickedness	Ungodliness	Unthankfulness
Perverted Life styles	Drugs	Dope
Diseases	Cancer	Broken Homes
Degenerate	Murder	Witchcraft
Sorcery	Blasphemy	Rebellion

A Darkness of a 1000 mid-nights
A Darkness that can be felt
A Darkness that swallows up
A Darkness that blinds minds, hearts, souls

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world (Not artifical, man made, but a Light that lighteth every man that comes into this world.

I.WHEN WE GO THRU OUR DEEPEST, DARKEST VALLEY.

Valley of the shadow of death.
We are not strangers to this Deep Valley of Darkness.
Many of us have recently experienced this Valley.

But — Jesus Christ — The Light of the World has cast a long Bright
Beam down through this valley & dispelled all the darkness of Doubt,
Fear, of Sin, Sorrow, Suffering, Shame.

II. SIN — Has cast it's dark – ominous shadow over all of us.

SIN has Deluded, Deceived, Darkened, Destroyed
Has left Man-kind like a Battle Field
A Killing Zone --- 100's, 1000's, Millions
Wounded – Breeding – Hurting – Suffering – Agonizing – Dying –
Strawn all over the world.

(2 Cor. 4:3-4) *"The God of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God should shine unto them."*

III. SATAN — Has left his own shadow in sin, but — the LIGHT of this is far brighter, Jesus can be the LIGHT of your life.

If you have a burden — Give it to Him
He's the greatest burden bearer in all world.
If you have Sorrow — Difficulties — Sin in your life
He's the Great Sin Bearer.
If you need help — He's our great Helper, Comforter, Light, Way.

NOTE: Notice the Seven-fold witness of Deity of Christ (John 5:31-47)
Christ Himself, Father, Holy Spirit, John Baptist, His works, Word of God, &
Moses & the Prophets.

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The Good Shepherd

John Chapter 10

Key Verse: (v. 11) *'I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd giveth His LIFE for the sheep.'*

INTRO: One of the most wonderful comparisons of the Lord and His own is found in the relationship of the **Shepherd** and **His Sheep**. The events of this Chapter result from the miracle of Chap. 9 and especially v. 40, in answer to the question of the Jews *'Are we blind also?'* The whole lesson hinges on the Sheep. The Lord Loves him, wants to Save him, Keep him and Provide for him. All of this is contrary to others (the Hirelings, who do it for pay, greed, self).

I. (1 - 6) THE PARABLE OF THE SHEEP & THE SHEPHERD.

NOTE: They should have understood this Parable better in their day than we do today. Very familiar to their way of life.

It was common to bring several flocks together for safe keeping during the night. These sheepfolds were usually built of stones piled up to make a wall with only one opening (door). The Porter guards through the night and the Shepherd comes in the morning and calls for His own sheep and they follow Him. What a beautiful sight! Though the sheep mingle with others throughout the night, in the morning they are gathered together, and follow their Shepherd. A picture of the Rapture (I Thess. 4:16).

A. (v. 1) FOUR THINGS ABOUT FALSE SHEPHERDS.

1. He enters not by the door (Who is the Door? vs. 7, 9).
2. He climbs up some other way (Who is the Way? John 14:6).
3. He is a Thief (Uses strategy, schemes, wiles, con-man).
4. He is a Robber (Uses Force, Violence, and etc.).

B. (2-4) FOUR THINGS ABOUT THE TRUE SHEPHERD.

1. He enters by the door (Virgin Birth).
2. He is recognized by the Porter (Holy Spirit).
3. He calls His sheep by name and leads them out.
4. He goes before them. Amen!

II. (7-18) THE PARABLE APPLIED.

(What was true with Sheep, Shepherd & Strangers in this Parable is also true with **Saints, Saviour & Serpents.**)

A. (7-10) CHRIST — The DOOR COMPARED WITH ALL OTHERS.

1. (v. 9) CHRIST is the Door, the Only Door (Rev. 3:20)
He promises Salvation, Freedom, & Provision (abundance).
2. (8,10) ALL OTHERS come to: Steal, Kill & Destroy.

B. (11-18) THE GOOD SHEPHERD compared with the HIRELING.

NOTE: WHAT THE GOOD SHEPHERD DOES FOR HIS SHEEP:

1. He SEEKS the Sheep (Luke 15:3-5; Isa. 53:6; Luke 19:10).
2. He LAID DOWN HIS LIFE for them (vs. 11, 15, 17, 18).
3. He GIVES HIS LIFE to the Sheep (v. 28; John 1:12; 3:36).
4. He KNOWS His Sheep by Name (vs. 3, 4, 14, 27 -- Hear & follow).
5. He KEEPS His Sheep (Eternal Security -- vs. 28-30).
6. He PROVIDES for His Sheep (Psa. 23; Phil. 4:19; & v. 9).
7. He WILL ENFOLD ALL of His Sheep (v. 16; John 14:2; I Thess. 4).

III. (19-30) DIVIDED OPINIONS & SPECIAL APPLICATION of the PARABLE.

The plainer Jesus spoke, the less they understand.

This beautiful relationship between the **Good Shepherd** and the **Sheep** is the result of: **SACRIFICE, SALVATION & SECURITY.**

How much are we able to add to this Union? (Eph. 2:8).

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“My Sheep”

John 10:1-16; 26-31

INTRO: Three times in the New Testament Jesus Christ is referred to as:

1. **Good Shepherd** - - - John 10 --- Saviour --- Giveth His Life for Sheep.
 2. **Great Shepherd** - - - Heb. 13:20 --- Priest --- Perfecting His Sheep.
 3. **Chief Shepherd** - - - I Pet. 5:4 --- King --- Coming for His Sheep.
- As Sheep --- we are weak, wayward, foolish, helpless, totally dependent.

I. His Sheep BELIEVE on Him (v. 26) *‘But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep.’* This is the first and most important requirement. Apparently there were some present that did not believe on Him.

II. His Sheep HEAR HIS VOICE (v. 27) *‘My sheep hear my voice.’*
Not only ‘hear’ but ‘heed’ His voice. Hear and obey. Both a ‘hearer’ and a ‘doer.’ (James 1: 22). How do you measure up?

III. His Sheep are KNOWN BY HIM (vs. 27, 14) *‘... I know them.’*
‘I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.’

THOT: To a stranger, sheep all look alike, but to the shepherd, he knows each one (v. 3)

Our Shepherd not only knows us, but He also knows all about us:

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| 1. Our Sheep-nature | 5. Helplessness |
| 2. How weak we are | 6. Blind - weak sight |
| 3. How silly - foolish | 7. Prone to stray |
| 4. How Frail | 8. Totally dependent |

He knows each one of us --- **Individually** and **Intimately**.

IV. His Sheep FOLLOW HIM (v. 27; also, vs 4, 5) *‘and they follow me.’*
The Shepherd leads His sheep. Sheep will not follow a false shepherd unless they are deceived or confused, but they will follow their True Shepherd.

THOT: If we follow the World, Pleasure, Money, Fame --- Is that our Shepherd?

V. His Sheep POSSESS ETERNAL LIFE (v. 28) *‘And I give unto them eternal life.’*

Eternal Life is

- Everlasting Life --- Unending --- Forever --- Without Beginning or End.
- Spiritual Life - Divine --- by nature we are dead, but through the miracle of Regeneration we receive His Life, which is Eternal Life. Amen!

Eternal Life is God’s Love Gift to those that believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

VI. His Sheep ARE ETERNALLY SECURE (28-29) Four Things:

1. They Have Eternal Life --- Eternal Salvation.
2. They shall Never Perish --- His Promise, no ‘if’s’ or ‘buts’
3. They are safe in Christ’s Hand --- How safe is that?
4. They are also safe in the Father’s Hand --- Triple Security.

VII. His Sheep ARE HIS FATHER’S LOVE GIFT (v. 29)

‘My Father, which gave them me’

How wonderful! God has given us to His Son to be His own special

POSSESSION.

The Gift of Life

John 10:28

*'And I give unto them **eternal life**; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.'*

INTRO: This Gift of Life is not simply a continuation of the life we already have, but is the Gift of His Life --- **Eternal Life**. Is Eternal Life and Everlasting Life the same? If not, what is the difference? If so, why use two different terms?

Eternal Life --- has neither beginning nor ending; whereas,

Everlasting Life --- has a point of beginning, but no ending.

Which did our Lord promise to us? Both! When we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour we are '*born again*' and we have a point of beginning which has no ending. Also, at the same time we receive Christ, we receive His Life (become partakers of His nature which is Eternal) and therefore, we also have *Eternal Life*. A Life without beginning or ending. '*Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*' (2Pet. 1:4)(John 3:15,16).

I. DIVINE GIFT (Present)

Not by another natural birth, --- nor at birth.

Not earned --- nor deserved.

Not a reward --- nor prize.

Not merited --- nor worked for.

Not Inherited --- nor purchased.

It's a Gift! '*For me! O, no! You shouldn't have*' '*Thank you very much.*' '*How precious!*'

THOT: "*I've got a secret pal!*" He showers me with gifts --- Guess Who He is!

A. **WHO GIVES** --- God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift (James 1:17).

B. **TO WHOM GIVEN** --- His Sheep.

C. **WHAT IS GIVEN** --- Eternal Life (Not created, but shared).

1. 'IMMORTAL' --- Undying --- because we are united to an '*undying Christ.*'

2. Constantly sustained by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

3. We are joined to Jesus Christ and members of His Body --- can you imagine a dismembered body of Jesus Christ?

THOT: Not blessed privilege of a select few, --- but for every Believer.

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*'And I give unto them **eternal life**; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.'*

II. DIVINE PURPOSE --- *'They shall never (never, never, never....) perish.'*

There is no restriction on the time element '**never**' --- includes **time & eternity**.

- IN THEIR:**
1. INFANCY --- when Weak and Helpless.
 2. YOUTH --- when Zeal and Passions are strong.
 3. MIDDLE AGE --- So Busy, Pressures, Cares of this Life.
 4. OLD AGE --- When Strength has turned to Weakness & Frailty.

THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH!

THOUGH THEY:

1. Stumble --- *'They shall never perish.'*
2. Fall --- *'They shall never perish.'*
3. Faint --- *'They shall never perish.'*
4. Tempted --- *'They shall never perish.'*
5. Sin --- *'They shall never perish.'*
6. Weary in well doing --- *'They shall never perish.'*
7. Fail God, Church, Home, Family, Self --- *'They shall never perish.'*
8. Drop out of Church --- *'They shall never perish.'*
9. Never Go, Give, Obey --- *'They shall never perish.'*
10. Curse & Swear --- *'They shall never perish.'*

III. DIVINE POWER:

(Divine Provision, Protection, Placement, Position, Perservation.)

'None shall pluck them out of my hand.'

THOT: All Believers are in His hands --- what a blessed place for us to be.
'Safe in the arms (hands) of Jesus Christ.'

- A. Many Attempts have been made to '**Pluck**' us out of His hand,
but Praise God! None have ever succeeded.

THOT: The Devil can never hold up one of God's Lambs and say,
'Ha! ha! I've got one.'

- B. But --- None have ever succeeded:

THOT: All forces mustered together out of the Legions of Hell marshalled
against one of the least of God's Saints **is not enough to**
pluck out of Christ's hand, that blood stained, pierced hand.

There is triple security here:

- 1st --- Lord's Hand
- 2nd --- Father's Hand
- 3rd --- Sealed by Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30).

CONCLUSION: When the Guilt of Sin is removed ---
The Love of Sin is purged out of the Heart.
When the Spirit of Holiness is given,
The Love of Holiness is infused into the Heart.

He Names His Sheep

I Thess. 4:12 and Isa. 62:2

'...and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.'

- I. (John 10:3,14,27) **He NAMES His Sheep.**
3 *To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.*
14 *I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.*
27 *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:*
- II. (Matt. 10:30) **He NUMBERS our Hairs.**
28 *And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*
29 *Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.*
30 *But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.*
31 *Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.*
- III. (Job. 31:4) **He COUNTS Our Steps.**
Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?
- IV. (Mal. 3:16) **He BOOKS Our Thoughts.**
Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.
- V. (Psa. 56:8) **He BOTTLES our Tears.**
Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?
- VI. (Isa. 35:3) **He STRENGTHENS our Hands & Feeble Knees.**
3 *Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.*
4 *Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.*
- VII. (Isa. 41:13) **He TAKES our Hands.**
For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.
- VIII. (John 15:7) **He HEARS & ANSWERS our Prayers.**
If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

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ETERNAL SECURITY

John 10:22-39; John 3:16, 36; John 5:24; Rom. 8:31-39

INTRO: The Finished Work of Christ is the Ground of our Salvation. Our Study concerns the age old question, *'Can a person once saved ever be lost again?'* The only answer that should satisfy should be the Bible answer. There are probably as many answers to this question as there are groups of people; yet, the Bible only gives one answer.

Really, it all depends on what kind of Salvation you have! Has God provided Salvation for sinners? If so (and He has), what kind of Salvation has He provided? Is it **Temporal** or **Eternal**? Does man add anything to his own Salvation or is it all of God, of Grace? Now, if God does the saving, **God makes no mistakes and there will be no failures**, but if man does part of it, then man makes mistakes and fails, and there's plenty of reason to doubt our part. Thank God, He does it all.

God the Father planned our Salvation, Jesus Christ, the Son, provided our Salvation, and the Holy Spirit presents Salvation. We want to study the work of the Father, the work of the Son, and the work of the Holy Spirit on behalf of the sinner that comes by Faith to God through Christ.

I. OUR SECURITY FULFILLS GOD'S PURPOSE (Plan). (Eph. 1:4 & Heb. 2:10)

Paul says, that God *'has chosen in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.'* and that it is God's purpose to *'bring many sons unto glory.'* Now since God's purpose is to make men holy and blameless and plans to bring them as Sons unto Glory and even if just one **Son** is lost, then God's purpose has been defeated. God's plan demands the **security** of the true believer in Christ.

II. OUR SECURITY IS BASED UPON the POWER of ALMIGHTY GOD.(John 10:29)

'My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all: and no man is able to pluck them out of my father's hand.' The key to this verse is the word **'Able.'** **God is Able to Save, and He is Able to Keep.** The only reason that God would not be able to keep is that there is someone stronger than He who could snatch the believer from His hand. Since God is **Sovereign, Supreme & All-Powerful**; there is no power in **time or eternity**, nor in **heaven, earth or hell** that could rise up against Him and steal from Him who holds us in the hollow of His hand. Read Romans 8:31-34 and 38-39. Paul mentions every spiritual and natural enemy of man, and shows us that there is no enemy with enough power to defeat God's plan and purpose and take the believer sway from God's charge. *'God is able to keep that which we have committed unto against that day.'* (2 Tim. 1:12)

III. OUR SECURITY IS ALSO BASED on the PROMISES of GOD. (John 3:16; 5:24)

Notice the two aspects of God's promise in John 3:16:

A. **NEGATIVE** - - - The Believer in Christ *'...shall not **perish**.'*

B. **POSITIVE** - - - *'...but have **everlasting life**.'* What kind of Life?

We also see the same two-fold aspect in John 5:24:

A. **NEGATIVE** - - - He shall not come into condemnation (judgment).

B. **POSITIVE** - - - He has already passed from death unto life.

When God offers a man life, God offers him only one kind of life, and that is **Eternal Life**.

Eternal Life is the Life of God and God's Life can never be limited. It is forever, and so, the Life that God gives is Eternal Life.

IV. OUR SECURITY IS ALSO BASED ON THE LOVE OF GOD. (Romans 5:7-9)

Why are we saved? Because God loved us; because Christ died for us and because we are justified by His blood. God didn't love us because Christ died for us, but He loved us and sent Christ, His Son to die for us that He might save us.

BIBLE ILLUSTRATION of our SECURITY: In Genesis 6 it was God's plan to send a great judgment upon the earth because of the sin and extreme wickedness of the human race. God provided a salvation (Way of escape) from the judgment for those who would trust Him. Noah was told (Gen. 6:14) *'Make thee an ark of gopher wood...'* And then *'he was commanded to make a door in the side of it.'* And then in (7:7) Noah was commanded to enter into the ark and it says, *"Noah went in and his sons, and his wife, and his sons'wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood."* And those who went in were secured by God, for (7:16) *'for the Lord shut him in.'* God provided a way of escape and it was for all who would enter by faith. The ark is a beautiful type of Christ our Lord, for He is our Ark of Safety.

Scorner – Sinner – Saviour

Luke 7:36–50

INTRO: (v. 38) Says it all. Eight things:

- ¹ Behind Him - Unworthy;
- ² Weeping - Sorrow, Repentance;
- ³ Washing - Humility, Serving;
- ⁴ Tears - Brokenness;
- ⁵ Kissed - Love, Devotion, Thankful;
- ⁶ Anointed - Sacrifice, Honoring;
- ⁷ Loved Much (v. 47);
- ⁸ Went away in Peace (v. 48) - Sins forgiven.

I. **SCORNER (PHARISEE)**

“DESIRED” (Unholy Motives)

1. Personal Recognition (Show-off)
Knew nothing of humbling himself,
but he was an expert at Exalting himself.
2. Hypo-critical --- Demanded of others what
they never did themselves.

“CRITICAL” - - - 2 Criticisms (v. 39)

1. Criticized the **SINNER** for **Seeking** the **Saviour**
2. Criticized the **SAVIOUR** for **Seeking** the **Sinner**

II. **SINNER (A Woman – Sin Magnified)**

A. Holy Spirit had been dealing with this woman

God had broken her will --- under conviction

1. She wept --- Sorrow for Sin
2. Washed His feet --- She wanted her sins washed away.
3. Wiped with her hair --- She felt so Unworthy
(Woman's Hair is her Glory)
4. Anointed & Kissed feet --- She loved much
and sought to exalt Him as Lord of life

B. She believed that He could & would forgive her sin.

III. **SAVIOUR**

A. He knew Motive of each one --- The Sinner & the Scoffer.

If He knew what was in one heart, why not
what was in the other heart.

B. He Forgave her

Forgiveness is **Full --- Free --- Forever.**

1. Before Simon — He points out Her Works — Outward - World sees.
2. To the Woman — He points out Her Faith — Inward - God sees.

Lazarus Raised From The Dead

John 11:1-57

INTRO: One of the last miracles before the Crucifixion and one of the greatest. Only God can raise the dead (cf. Sinner). The raising of Lazarus proved beyond all doubt that Jesus was the Christ, the very Son of God (Rom. 1:4). Lazarus was one of three raised from the dead by Jesus in the New Testament (Jairus' daughter and the Widow of Nain's son). In the presence of such proof it seems - - -

Harder Not To Believe In Jesus Than To Believe!

I. (1-16) JESUS RECEIVES THE MESSAGE OF LAZARUS' SICKNESS.

- A. (1 - 3) LOVE'S MESSAGE - - - *'He whom thou lovest. . .'*
- B. (4 - 6) LOVE'S DELAY - - - *'He abode two days still . . .'*
 - WHY?** 1. *'For the glory of God.'*
 - 2. *'That the Son of God might be glorified. . .'*
- C. (7-10) LOVE'S DECISION - - - *'Let us go into Judea again. . .'*
- D. (11-15) LOVE'S PURPOSE - - - *'Lazarus is asleep (dead). . .'*
 - 1. (v. 11) *'Awake him out of sleep. . .'*
 - 2. (v. 15) *'That . . . ye may believe.'*
- E. (v. 16) LOVE'S WILLINGNESS - - - *'Let us go also . . . and die.'*

II. (17-33) JESUS RETURNS TO BETHANY OF JUDEA.

(Bethany is not mentioned in the O. T. and only in the New Testament in connection with this family and this miracle.)

- A. (17-19) JESUS RETURNS - - - Jews were trying to Comfort.
(Very little comfort an Unbeliever can give the Believer)
- B. (20-27) MARTHA GOES TO MEET JESUS.
 - 1. (v. 21) Martha's Conviction - - - *'If thou hadst been here . . .'*
 - 2. (v. 22) Martha's Faith - - - *'Whatsoever thou wilt ask.'*
 - 3. (25-26) Christ's Answer - - - *'I am the Ressurrection and the Life. . .'*
 - 4. (v. 27) Christ's Question - - - Martha's Answer.
'Believest thou this?' 'Yea, Lord: I believe.'
- C. (28-33) JESUS CALLS FOR MARY - - -
Everytime we see this Mary, she is always at His feet.

III. (34-44) JESUS RAISES LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD.

- A. (34-38) JESUS AT THE TOMB - - - Shows Sympathy (Heb. 4:15).
- B. (39-44) LAZARUS RAISED - - - Jesus Gives 3 Commands:
 - 1. (v. 39) *'Take ye away the stone.'*
 - 2. (v. 43) *'Lazarus, come forth.'*
 - 3. (v. 44) *'Loose him, and let him go.'*

IV. (45-57) THE ATTITUDE OF THOSE PRESENT TOWARD CHRIST.

- A. (45-46) THE PEOPLE (Some believed - - - Others Tattled).
- B. (47-48) THE COUNCIL (Fear of Position and Hatred).
- C. (49-57) THE HIGH PRIEST (Caiaphas Prophesied the Truth).

'I am the resurrection and the life.'

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LAZARUS

John 11:14-17; 41-44; & 12:1-11

INTRO: One of the greatest miracles every accomplished was bringing back to life that which was dead. Death is so final, and is so certain (unless Jesus returns and we are raptured). It is appointed for all mankind. Jesus raised the dead on three specific occasions during His public ministry:

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| 1. Jairus' Daughter | In the home, Just died | Mark 5:41-42 |
| 2. Widow's Son | On the way to grave | Luke 7:14 |
| 3. Lazarus | Dead 4 days, already buried | John 11 |

QUESTION: Which one of these three was the most DEAD? The one thing they all had in common and they all needed, was LIFE! So have all we sinned, all are dead in trespasses and sin. All need Salvation.

THOT:

Grave Clothes don't bother a dead person, but they sure do hinder a live person.

CHRIST'S FOUR VISITS TO BETHANY

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| 1. (Luke 10:38-39) | First | As the Gracious Teacher |
| 2. (John 11) | Second | As the Sympathizing Friend |
| 3. (John 12) | Third | As the Suffering Saviour |
| 4. (Luke 24:50-51) | Fourth | As the Ascending Lord |

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| 1. Martha | Service | For Others |
| 2. Lazarus | Fellowship | For Ourselves |
| 3. Mary | Worship | For Christ |

John 11:28

*'The **MASTER** is come, and calleth for thee.'*

When the MASTER comes in the clouds, the power of His Glory,
The Clouds brighten,
The Impossible becomes possible,
The Gloom gives way to Glory.

I. WE ALL NEED A MASTER.

We need a controlling power to keep us under control (passions, etc.). This is the first requirement for any kind of power: Airplane, Car, Train, Atom Bombs, Ships, Electricity, Speed, etc.). We need a Captain at the helm of our lives.

II. WE DESIRE A MASTER.

A right attitude desires authority and responses to that authority (Father).

III. JESUS CHRIST ALONE IS WORTHY TO BE THAT MASTER.

EXAMPLE: Mary arose quickly and came to Him. What about you?

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L I F E

John 11:37

'Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind have caused that even this man should not have died?'

INTRO: Raising Lazarus (right before the cross) was one of His greatest miracles,
1 of 3 raised from the dead.

1. 'Jesus wept' with real tears, doesn't mean just shed a tear or two, but that His tears flowed freely, constantly and continually until everybody noticed. He was deeply effected. His tears expressed His intense love and emotion.
2. What made Jesus weep? **LOVE** made Him weep. Nothing else compelled Him to tears. Rejection - Suffering - Humiliation - Cross - Death - but for **Love's Sake** - Jesus wept. If been standing there I might have been tempted to say, 'Behold how He wept!' but those there said, 'Behold, how He loved him.' They recognized, realized that only love could bring forth such weeping! Oh! The power of **Love!**

When we look upon someone we love, our eyes sparkle. There's a delight, a joy in them, but when Jesus Christ looks toward us and upon us, are there tears in His eyes.

1. When He thinks of what we are.
2. How we became subject unto death.
3. How sin has brought us into such bondage.
4. How he must weep, but weeping is not enough to deliver us, rescue our Poor - Lost - Perishing Souls - Oh! How He Loved Us! He died for us.

I. VAIN ARGUMENT (Foolish) — 'What if . . . Might have been.'

- A. Strange sorrows wrung out of these suppositions:
 1. These two sisters did this, Supposed wrong.
 2. These people that stood there did this, They supposed wrong.
- B. Sometimes we blame ourselves.
- C. Sometimes we blame the Lord.
- D. We torture ourselves with what might have been:
 1. What might have been leads to **What ought to have been!**
 2. What ought to have been leads to **What should have been!**
 3. What should have been leads to **Doubting, questioning God.**

NOTE: Oh, my friend! If you could know as He knows and Love as He Loves, and do as He does, you would sit at His feet and praise Him — Trust Him.

II. VILE ARGUMENT (Foul) — If this man opened eyes of the blind, why didn't He prevent His friend from dying?

Either/or - - - Either He lacks the power or He does not really love His friend! If He has such power and does not use it for His friend, then He does not really love him! He could have saved this man's life and now stands here and weeps because he is dead. He saved others, himself He cannot save.

III. TRUE ARGUMENT (Fair) — Yes, It is true!

ILLUST: Man told Preacher, 'I don't believe what you are preaching.' 'You told me what you don't believe, now tell me what you do believe!' 'I believe death ends **all**' 'So do I.' 'You do?' 'I certainly do!' 'For the unsaved --- ends all your chance of doing evil - sin - all your plans - ambitions - friendships - opportunities to hear the gospel - hopes of forgiveness - salvation - heaven. Yes, I believe it ends all.'

The Most Sacred Spot on Earth

Luke 7:38, Luke 10:39, John 11:32 & John 12:3

'And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.'

INTRO: The most sacred place on earth is not the Mosque of Omar, Mecca (Muslim), Gordon's Hill (supposedly Calvary), Mount of Olives, Jerusalem, Sinai, the ol' home place, or even at the Church where we were saved. No! No! It is at the feet of Jesus. In the Gospels we have four (4) blessed accounts of someone found at the feet of Jesus --- We also make four (4) great discoveries:

- I. FIRST DISCOVERY:** (Luke 7:47) *'Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.'*

That He Knows the very worst about Us, Loves Us, and Wants to Forgive Us and to Cleanse Us. Though we be sinners of the worst sort, we are welcome, urged to come to Him.

(Isa. 1:18) *'Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.'*

What a blessed DISCOVERY!

- II. SECOND DISCOVERY:** (Luke 10:39) *'And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.'*

That Jesus wants our service, work, praise, worship, but most of all He wants our Heart Love. He wants Us!

Mary & Martha: WORSHIP must always precede Walk or Work!

- III. THIRD DISCOVERY:** (John 11:32) *'Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.'*

That in our deepest need, our greatest brokenness, The Grace of Our Lord is Absolutely sufficient for us in our Trials and Sorrows. He Cares.

*'He knows, He loves, He cares,
Nothing this truth shall dim,
He gives the very best to those
Who leave the choice to Him.'*

- IV. FOURTH DISCOVERY:** (John 12:3) *'Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.'*

That our Lord Jesus is worthy of our Best, our All: All that we are, and the Best of All we have. Work - Worship - Fellowship.

ILLUST: At an auction for your soul.

- World offers (bids) Pleasures, Honor, Riches, Luxury, Fun.
- Satan offers (bids) Lust of Eyes, Lust of Flesh, Pride of Life.
- Jesus offers (bids) Forgiveness, Cleansing, Life Eternal.

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Christ At Bethany

John 12:1-11

'There they made Him a supper; and Martha served; but Lazarus . . . sat at the table with Him . . . Mary . . . annointed . . .'

INTRO: There is a marked contrast between the previous chapter and this one: The difference is **Death** and **Life**. The Bible tells of four visits that Christ made to this little city of Bethany: ¹ (Luke 10:38-39) as the **Gracious Teacher**; ² (John 11) as the **Sympathizing Friend**; ³ (John 12:1-11) as the **Suffering Saviour**; and ⁴ (Luke 24:50-51) as the **Ascending Lord**.

Now in John 12:1-11 we are in the last week before the Cross and in this portion of scripture we see: ¹ The **Love of His dearest friends**; ² The **Fickleness of the crowd**; ³ The **Enmity** (Bitterness) **of His enemies**. Lazarus had just been raised from the dead and a celebration was in order, so a supper was made for Jesus, not for Lazarus. When Jesus raised Jaires' Daughter from death, He commanded them to *'Give her to eat,'* but now *'they gave Him to eat.'* Let's notice the contrast between the **Four** outstanding persons in this lesson.

- I. **LAZARUS — Feasting** (A marvel of Grace - Raised from the Dead)(John 11).
'Had been dead' --- Picture of our former condition, dead in trespasses and sin.
'Take away the grave clothes' --- Things that represent death(Tradition, ceremonies).
'Now feasting with the Lord' --- Not as a **trembling sinner**, but as a **Rejoicing Saint**.

Our Position & Our Portion in Christ:

¹ **POSITION** --- To be with Christ (Seated with Him).

² **PORTION** --- To Share with Him.

- II. **MARTHA — Serving** (Luke 10:40) *'Work of faith and labor of love'* (I Thes. 1:3).
Martha is often remembered for being *'Cumbered about much serving'* ---
'Master, carest Thou not that my sister hath left me to serve alone?' Often-times, our service seems such a **thankless task** (Visitation, Prayer, Giving, Going, Doing, etc.)

ILLUST: (Isa. 41:7) *'And everyone said to his brother, be of good courage. So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheneth with the hammer him that smote the anvil (blacksmith), etc.'*

- III. **MARY — Worshipping** (Always at Jesus' feet in the Bible).
Love's hands first anoint Him, before an enemies' hand laid hold on Him.
Mary demonstrated her **Love & Faith** to the Lord in **Giving All She Had, the Best She Had, in Giving Herself**. (She could have used the precious ointment on Lazarus when he died.) She brought this precious ointment and anointed the body of Jesus in preparation for His coming death and burial. She entered into His suffering and wiped His feet with her hair (See what Bible says about a *'woman's hair'* in I Cor. 11:13).

- IV. **JUDAS — Complaining.**

What a contrast between Mary and Judas. Notice that Judas was:

1. **COVETEOUS** --- He sold Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.
2. No **LOVE** for Jesus --- Cold-hearted, stingy, greedy, thought more of poor.
3. His spirit was **CONTAGIOUS** (Matt. 26:8) --- *'Disciples. . .'*

NOTE: Mary & Martha teach us a great lesson on Worshipping & Working. Both are necessary, but in their proper order. Work can never take the place of Worship.

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Mary Anoints Jesus

Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:1-9; John 12:1-11

'Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.'

Matt. 26:13

INTRO: Jesus made four recorded visits to this little city of Bethany. First as a **Gracious Teacher** (Luke 10:38-39); Second as a **Sympathizing Friend** (John 11); Third as the **Suffering Saviour** (John 12:1-11); and Fourth as the **Ascending Lord** (Luke 24:50-51). This is the week prior to the Cross, and Jesus has been instructing His Disciples about His impending death at Jerusalem. They didn't grasp or accept what He was preparing them for, but Mary heard the same statements and she went home and brought back her most prized possession to show Jesus she recognized what He was telling them, and to show that she believed Him. Jesus was so well pleased with her sacrifice of faith that He called it to everyone's attention and said it would be told wherever this Gospel is preached what she had done. Did Jesus over-do it? What did she do that so pleased Him?

- I. SHE GAVE HER VERY BEST TO JESUS.** This always pleases our Lord. 300 Pence --- A Penny a day was a working man's salary --- A whole year's pay. She was saving this ointment for her own use --- probably for her own burial. This was the most precious of her possessions.

Are you willing to anoint Jesus with your most precious possessions?

Your Life, Home, Business, Job, Children, your Youth, or What you have left?
Give your very best to the Master, Give the strength of your Youth.

- II. SHE LEARNED THAT THE BLESSINGS OFTEN COME WHEN YOU GIVE MORE THAN IS EXPECTED.**

The average person is happy or satisfied if he gives the minimum required or expected. This is not where the blessing area of life is.

ILLUST: Two people attend the same church, have same pastor. One does just enough to keep the judgment of God off him, the other goes beyond what is required of him. Mary is giving more than minimal --- she gave her best.

- III. SHE LEARNED THE VALUE OF AN OCCASIONAL ALL-OUT EFFORT.**

She pulled out all the stops and went all-out for Christ. She didn't anoint Jesus everytime she saw Him --- **Just this one time.**

- IV. SHE REALIZED THAT TIMING WAS ALL-IMPORTANT.**

She was criticized --- You will be too! She did what she did **NOW** - - Later would have been too late. It was an act of LOVE and FAITH.

ILLUST: Mark 16:1 --- Other women went to the tomb *'...that they might come and anoint him.'* - - - But they were too late! **HE IS RISEN** . . . Their intentions were good, but too late. You can do a right thing at a wrong time and go down in defeat. Mary believed what Jesus was telling about His departure and acted promptly.

(TIMING IS ALL IMPORTANT)

- V. THE ODOR FILLED THE HOUSE – Everybody Was Blessed.** (John 12:3).

When we serve God it will bless others and encourage them to follow. She didn't intend to bless Peter and the other Disciples, but she did! Is your life a sweet smelling odour?

- VI. WHEN YOU TELL THIS STORY, YOU ALSO TELL OF THE DEATH, BURIAL & RESURRECTION of CHRIST. You preach the Gospel.**

What can you give to Jesus that can be a sweet smelling odour?

Your Life	---	As a Testimony
Your Love	---	You can't love without giving
Your Prayers	---	Powerhouse in our lives
Your Time	---	Invest, don't just spend it
Your Money	---	God can take our little and multiply it

I Will Draw All Men Unto Me

John 12:32-33

'And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.'

INTRO: Christ tells of His death by crucifixion and the result. His death on the Cross will draw all men unto Him. His power to draw lies mainly in His Death on the Cross. Oh! What a strange Magnet this is! Most people are drawn by Influence, Power, Wealth, Wisdom, Charisma, Lust, Money, but not by Death, and such a shameful death!

I. WHAT IS THIS MIGHTY POWER THAT DRAWS ALL MEN?

All who hear of Jesus are drawn, but not all respond.

Some draw back, some draw near.

A. Himself to Himself --- *'I will draw . . . unto Me.'*

Not the Preacher --- the Church --- Program, but the Lord Himself.

B. How does He Do It? **HIS LOVE**

(Eph. 2:4) *'But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us.'*

He laid aside His Majesty (Honor)

He veiled His Glory

He emptied Himself (Phil 2)

He became our Substitute --- Died my death --- Paid my debt.

- Pierced Heart of Jesus Christ draws all men to Himself.
- *'Only crime Christ was guilty of was --- Too much love.'*

C. How does He Do It? **HIS MIGHTY POWER**

The Same Power that quickened Christ from the dead, transforms us from our deadness. (Rom. 1:16)(Eph. 2:5) *'Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ,'*

D. How does He Do It? **HIS GRACE**

(Eph. 2: 8) *'For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.'*

E. How does He Do It? **HIS GLORIOUS PROMISES**

(Eph. 3:20) *'Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.'*

F. How does He Do It? **Convicting POWER of HOLY SPIRIT**

(John 16:8) *'And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.'*

G. How does He Do It? **PREACHING of the WORD**

(I Cor. 1:18) *'For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.'*

II. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

A. By Nature --- Men, as they are, are a long way off. Must be born again, a new creation.

B. Men will not come --- Unless He draws them. Man in his sinful condition, *is dead in trespasses and sins*, dead to God, blind. Men ought to run to Jesus Christ, but they are enslaved by their sins.

C. He Will Draw Right Now!

Today is the day of salvation, Now is the accepted time.

DRAWING POWER of CHRIST

John 12:32-33

'And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.'

INTRO: Christ's vicarious death on the Cross is the greatest drawing power in the world. Sinner's are drawn to Him because:

1. Who He is ---
2. Because of Our Great Need ---

I. WHO IS THIS ONE WHO CAN MAKE SUCH A CLAIM?

A. CREATOR & SUSTAINER, (John 1:3) *'All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.'*

(Col. 1:16-17) *'For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*

¹⁷ And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.'

B. KING of the Jews, (John 19:19) *'And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.'*

C. SON of GOD, (John 30:31) *'But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.'*

D. OUR SAVIOUR, (Titus 2:13) *'Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.'*

II. WHO IS AFFECTED BY THIS CLAIM?

A. ALL MEN --- (Acts 17:30) *'And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent.'*

B. ALL THAT LABOUR & HEAVY LADEN --- (Matt. 11:28) *'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'*

C. THIRSTY & HUNGRY --- (John 6:35) *'And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.'*

D. SINNERS --- Unsaved --- (Isa. 1:18) *'Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.'*

ILLUST: A large crowd --- opening up, and making a way for a sinner.

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Events of The Day Before The Cross

John 13:1-38

INTRO: Jesus' Public Ministry closed at the end of John 12 (see John 12:36). These next 5 chapters (13 thru 17) are precious as He gathers His own disciples about for **Last Minute Instructions** (chap. 13); **Comfort** (chap. 14); **Assurance** (chap. 15); **Cheer** (chap. 16); and a **Farewell Prayer** (chap. 17).

I. (1 - 17) JESUS WASHES HIS DISCIPLE'S FEET.

Nothing is more amazing than the fact of God assuming Manhood in order to serve man and save him. (Phil. 2:5-8)

A. (1 - 3) INTRODUCTORY REMARKS OUTLINE THIS CHAPTER.

Jesus was fully conscious of His ---

¹ **Departure** (v. 1); ² **Betrayal** (v. 2); ³ His **Destiny** and ⁴ **Deity** (v. 3).

B. (4-17) JESUS WASHES HIS DISCIPLES' FEET.

It was necessary before coming to the Passover Feast to bathe (cleanse) themselves completely and upon arriving at the Table to rewash their feet that were defiled by walking from the bath to the place where the Supper was to be eaten. Usually this was done by the Servants or the least of the group. In this instance the Lord and His disciples enter and seat themselves when there arose an argument among them about the task (Luke 22:24-30). *'Who is the least, who the greatest.'* While they argue, Jesus arises, removes His outer garments and begins washing their feet. By this action He not only washes their feet, but He also removes the contention from their hearts illustrating the New Commandment (v.34 and I John 3:16-18).

II. (18-30) JESUS PREDICTS HIS BETRAYAL & DISMISSES JUDAS.

A. (18-21) JESUS PREDICTS HIS BETRAYAL (see Psa. 41:9).

B. (22-25) DISCIPLES PUZZLED --- Enquire Who It Is! (Peter urges John (v. 24) to ask, *'Lord, who is it?'*)

C. (26-30) JUDAS IS IDENTIFIED and DISMISSED.

(Though Jesus described the Traitor, they failed to realize it was Judas. He was one of the most trusted men in the group for he was the Treasurer (v. 29).

III. (31-35) A NEW COMMANDMENT IDENTIFIES HIS DISCIPLES.

The Old Commandment was to Love God and our Neighbor as Thyself (Luke 10:27). The New Commandment requires an even greater Love; in that, we are to Love others as Christ Loved Us. An unselfish and undying Love (v. 34).

IV. (36-38) JESUS PREDICTS PETER'S DENIAL. (Luke 22:31-34)

Three-fold Truth Revealed:

1 Satan's Desire --- Through trials, pressures, to shake us up, sift us.

2 Christ's Prayer --- For Faith, *'that your faith fail not.'*

3 Peter's Duty --- When you gain the victory and are changed, converted; strengthen thy brethren. When your brother sees how you gained the victory by faith, they are encouraged to follow your example.

Memory Verse: *'Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.'*

(John 14:3)

Special Notes

John Chapters 14, 15, 16

Commonly referred to as the Comfort Chapters

Seven Ways the Believer can be Comforted:

1. The Comfort of the Place He has gone to prepare (14:1-2).
2. The Comfort of His Promise to return (14:3).
3. The Comfort of the Promise of greater works performed (v.12).
4. The Comfort of the Promise of the Holy Spirit (14:16).
5. The Comfort of the Relationship of Christ & Believers (14:21-23).
6. The Comfort of Fruit Bearing (15:1-5).
7. The Comfort of Access to the Father (16:23-24).

--- or ---

1. (v. 1) COMFORT of FAITH.
2. (v. 2) COMFORT of HOPE.
3. (v. 3) COMFORT of HIS RETURN.
4. (4 - 6) COMFORT of KNOWING the WAY, TRUTH, & LIFE.
5. (8 - 9) COMFORT of KNOWING the FATHER.
6. (10-12) COMFORT of KNOWING the WORK WILL GO ON.
7. (13-14) COMFORT of PRAYER.
8. (16-26) COMFORT of ANOTHER COMFORTER.
9. (27-31) COMFORT of HIS PEACE.

Comfort – Comforted – Comforter

John 14:1-31

INTRO: This is the same setting as Chapter 13. Chapters 14-17 are some of the events between Judas' departure and their going to the Garden of Gethsemane. Their hearts are deeply disturbed: Jesus had just spoken of Judas' betrayal (13:21); of Peter's denial, now tells of His own departure where they can not yet follow. All of this was troubling, distressing news.

I. (1 - 4) COMFORT FOR THEIR TROUBLED HEARTS.

(What troubles a Christian's heart isn't always the same as what troubles an unbeliever's heart.)

A. THE ONLY CURE FOR THEIR TROUBLED HEARTS:

1. A **Personal Faith** in Jesus Christ as Lord.
2. A **Prepared Place** for a Prepared People.
3. A **Promise** of His Soon Return for His Own.

B. HEAVEN IS A REAL PLACE, Tangible (v. 2) - Home.

II. (5 - 14) CHRIST IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, & THE LIFE.

(Jesus is not a way, but the WAY. The WAY we ought to WALK IN; the TRUTH we ought to BELIEVE & TRUST IN; & the LIFE we ought to LIVE.)

A. (5 - 7) CHRIST IS THE WAY TO THE FATHER (v. 6b).

'Better to limp in the WAY, than run out of the WAY.'

'Best to be in the WAY with Jesus than in the way of sinners.'

B. (8 - 9) CHRIST REVEALS THE FATHER.

C. (10-12) BECAUSE HE GOES — HIS WORK GROWS (v. 12).

D. (13-14) REAL POWER THROUGH REAL PRAYER (I John 5:1).

III. (15-26) THE HOLY SPIRIT - - - Another Comforter Promised.

(The Greek word '*Paraclete*' is translated **Comforter** here and '*Advocate*' (I John 2:1). It means '*One called alongside to help.*')

A. (cf. v. 11 & 20) THE CONDITION FOR HIS INDWELLING.

Believing in v. 11 results in **knowing** in v. 20.

(vs 16-17) Jesus declares that the Holy Spirit is: **A Divine Personality; a Reliable Teacher; a Mighty Helper** '*abide with you*'; and **an Eternal Guest**

B. (vs. 15, 21, 23) LOVE & OBEDIENCE --- Condition of Blessing.

C. NOTICE THE VARIOUS WORKS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1. (v. 16) **PERMANENT** --- '*Abide with you forever.*'
2. (17, 26) **TEACHER** of all things as the Spirit of Truth.
3. (v. 26) **REMINDER** of Christ's Prophecies (promises).

NOTE: Christ is Truth (v. 6) and the Holy Spirit is Spirit of Truth. (v. 17 and 16:13).

IV. (27-31) THE LEGACY OF HIS PEACE (Read Phil. 4:6-7).

We too can have this '**Peace**' for a troubled and fearful heart if we will simply **Believe** and **Obey**.

NOTE: Jesus Christ is the **Way to Go**, the **Truth to Know**, and the **Life to Show**.

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The Way, Truth & Life

John 14:1-6

'Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.'

INTRO: Thomas must have been day-dreaming! Jesus had just told them that He was going to Heaven. Then Thomas caught the tail end of His statement, *'Whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.'* About that time Thomas woke up, blurted out, *'How can we know the way?'* The answer Jesus gave is one of the most precious Gospel texts, *'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. . .'*

WAY --- TRUTH --- LIFE

SAFE -- SURE -- SATISFIED

- **He is the WAY!** That's for **LOST PEOPLE** (Unsaved & Saved)
- **He is the TRUTH!** That's for **LEARNED PEOPLE**
 - You separate Social Truth from Christ --- the result is COMMUNISM
 - You divorce Scientific Truth from Christ --- the result is Atheism, Confusion, Chaos
 - Educational Truth from Christ --- Humanism
 - Moral Truth from Christ --- Immorality, Promiscuity, Perversion
 - Scriptural Truth from Christ --- Cult, Heresy
 - Truth from Christ --- A Lie, The Lie
- **He is the LIFE!** That's for **LONGING PEOPLE**
 - People who want to live (Live abundantly), not simply exist.

— **JESUS ANSWERS THE QUESTIONS** —

I. **HOW CAN I BE SAVED?** (Right with God, Forgiven) **I AM THE WAY!**

He is the Way to the Cross

He is the Way of the Cross

(Prov. 15:19) *'The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain.'*

(Prov. 15:24) *'The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.'*

(Prov. 16:25) *'There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.'*

(Isa. 30:21) *'... This is the way, walk ye in it.'*

(Isa. 35:8) *'And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.'*

II. **HOW CAN I BE SURE?** **I AM THE TRUTH!** *'The truth shall make you free.'*

III. **HOW CAN I BE SATISFIED?** **I AM THE LIFE!** **FULL - - - FREE - - - FOREVER**

I Am the WAY to GO -

I Am the TRUTH to KNOW -

I Am the LIFE to SHOW !

THOT: If you take Christ out of the WAY - TRUTH - LIFE . . . What do you have left?

ILLUSTRATION

On the grounds of Hampton Court Palace in England, there is a maze built of hedges. In the midst of the maze is a seat where those who weary of trying to find their way out can rest. There is also a bell there. By ringing the bell the lost person can summon aid. A man will soon appear, a man who knows the way. Follow him and soon the perplexing paths will resolve into an orderly exit.

The solution lies in the man!

Christ the Way, the Truth, the Life

John 14:6

ILLUST: I've never seen the sparkle (glean) in my Pastor's eyes:

When he is Praying - - - He closes his eyes.

When he is Preaching - - - He closes mine.

I. MAN --- Before SIN --- Three-fold Relationship with God:

- Unbroken Fellowship – Perfect Harmony – Unity
- Perfect Knowledge of God and **His Will, Way, Work, Word.**
- Spiritual Life without **Death, Separation** or **Guilt.**

II. MAN --- After SIN --- Three-fold Relationship was Changed:

- Separated from God – Alienated – Enemy, at Enmity with God.
- Ignorant of God –
- Dead to God – Alive to Sin.

III. MAN --- Now! --- Three-fold NEED - - - A New Relationship:

- **Reconciliation** – Strayed – Separated – Needs **Direction** – the **WAY.**
(Job 12:24) *'In the wilderness, there is NO WAY'*
- **Illumination** – (Knowledge, Wisdom, Revelation) – the **TRUTH.**
- **Regeneration** – (New Life, Eternal Life. . .)

THOT: The Christian ought to be to Christ --- What the Moon is to the Sun ---
Resigning in His Presence, Reflecting in His Absence.



WAY - - - How can I be Saved, Forgiven, Right with God?
Jesus said, *'I am the WAY'*

TRUTH - - - How can I be Sure?
Jesus said, *'I am the TRUTH'*

LIFE - - - How can I be Satisfied? Live it?
Jesus said, *'I am the LIFE'*

THOT:	Generation	- - -	God Formed Us
	Degeneration	- - -	Sin Deformed Us
	Education	- - -	Schools Inform Us
	Society	- - -	World Conforms Us
	Civilization	- - -	Rules & Regulations Reform Us
	Regeneration	- - -	GRACE Transforms US

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FRUIT-BEARING

John 15:1-27

INTRO: This Chapter is dealing with **Fruitfulness** and not with Salvation. Keep in mind that Jesus was speaking to 'His own,' Judas had already departed. This simple illustration of the Vine, Husbandman, and Branches was very common to these people and best taught utter dependence on Him for Life and Fruit. Probably spoken on the way to the Garden as they passed through a vineyard (Gal. 5:22-23).

I. (1-11) THE BELIEVER'S RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST.

A. CHRIST IS THE TRUE VINE.

As the **True Vine** He supplies the **True Life**. The very same **Life** that flows through the Vine flows through the Branches. We have the Life and Nature of Christ when we are '*Born again*' and are Fruitful as we '*abide*'. Without Him we can do **Nothing**, not even a little.

B. BELIEVERS ARE THE BRANCHES.

As the **Branches** we are to bring forth **Fruit, more fruit, and even much fruit** (vs. 2, 5, 8). What kind of Fruit? (Read Gal. 5:22-23). '*Fruit of the Spirit*,' described 9 different ways (fruit different, but root the same). A Fruitful Life is possible only as we completely abide in Him.

C. GOD THE FATHER IS THE HUSBANDMAN.

As the Owner, He prunes (Purges, Cleanses those things in our lives that hinder our Fruitfulness (cf. Heb. 12:1) '*Lay aside every weight. . .*'

NOTE: 1. The Father's Part --- Pruning, using the Sword of the Spirit (the Word of God. Heb. 4:12).
2. The Son's Part --- Cleansing, using the Word (v. 3).
3. The Spirit's Part --- Producing the Fruit (Gal. 5:22-23).
4. The Believer's Part --- Abiding for Fruitfulness.
The Combined Result --- '*Fruit – more Fruit – much Fruit.*'

II. (12-17) THE BELIEVER'S RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER.

A. (12-14) BASED ON CHRIST'S LOVE FOR US.

B. (v. 15) BASED ON UNDERSTANDING OF HIS WORD & WORK.

C. (16-17) BASED ON HIS ORDINATION (Choosing).

III. (18-25) THE BELIEVER'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORLD.

A. FOUR REASONS WHY THE WORLD REJECTS CHRISTIANS.

1. (v. 19) Because we are no longer of the world.
2. (v. 21) Because they know not Him that sent Jesus.
3. (v. 22) Because they have no more cloke for their sin.
4. (v. 24) Because they hate both Christ and the Father.

B. THREE THINGS CHRISTIANS CAN EXPECT FROM THE WORLD.

1. (v. 19) HATRED --- Because they hated Christ.
2. (v. 20) PERSECUTION --- Because Servant is not greater than Lord.
3. (16:2) REJECTION --- And even DEATH.

IV. (26-27) THE BELIEVER'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

(Joint witness of Christ, cf. Acts 1:8 '*. . . receive power after that. . .*'))

SPECIAL NOTE:

This Chapter could be divided into three (3) Sections:

1. '**My DISCIPLES**' (1 - 8) Known by **What we Are**.
2. '**My FRIENDS**' (9-15) Known by **What we Do**.
3. '**My WITNESSES**' (16-27) Known by **What we Say**.

Branches - Disciples - Friends

John 15:5, 8, 14-15

INTRO: Branches, Disciples and Friends are not just empty titles, but are given to His own as they fulfill the suggested offices. Each one is coupled with something else: ¹ With Abiding; ² With Fruitbearing, and ³ With Fellowship.

I. (v. 5) AS BRANCHES - - - We Receive & Reproduce.

Broken off from the Old Wild, Fruitless, Adam stock and now by a Supernatural Miracle of God have been grafted into Him, the True Vine. The **Precious Life** (sap) of this Vine is the Holy Spirit Himself. The Holy Spirit never attempts to satisfy, nor pamper the pride of our old selfish sinful life. The **Branch** cannot live apart from the **Vine**. We need a continual flow of Life. **Take, Take, Take** - - - *'Let him that is athirst, take. . .'*

II. (v. 8) AS DISCIPLES - - - We Follow & Keep.

The picture of the **Vine-Branch** relationship continues. The Branch is simply an extension of the Vine and fulfills the purpose of the Vine. The Branch follows the Vine, abides in it and fulfills its Will and Destiny. *'If ye continue in my Word, then are ye my disciples indeed.'* (John 8:31).

III. (14-15) AS FRIENDS - - - We Fellowship & Share.

Friends - - - not Patients, nor Servants. As Friends we:

1. **Share His Secrets** --- *'The natural man receiveth not . . .'*
 - *'The Secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him.'* (Psa. 25:14).
 - *'Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?'*
2. **Share His Interest (Souls)** --- cf Husband and Wife.
3. **Share His Sufferings** (vs. 18-19).

Why World Rejects Christians

1. (v. 19) **No Longer of the World.**
2. (v. 21) **They Know not Him that sent Me.**
3. (v. 22) **They have no cloke for their sin.**
4. (v. 24) **They hate both Son and the Father.**

4. **Share His Glory** --- *'If we suffer . . . we shall also reign . . .'*

Conclusion: ¹ **Union** with Christ (1-8), leads to
² **Re-Union** with God (9-17),
³ **Dis-Union** with the World (vs. 18; 16:4), and
⁴ **Comm-Union** through Holy Spirit (26-27).

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ANYONE WITHOUT GOD, IS WITHOUT THESE SEVEN THINGS **Without Me — Nothing!**

John 15:5 & Ezekial 37:1-10

- I. (Heb. 9:22) Without **THE BLOOD OF CHRIST** - Which alone can remit the Past and Release the sinner from the Hold of Sin.
"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."
- II. (Eph. 2:12) Without **CHRIST** - Who alone can **Save, Sanctify & Satisfy**.
"That at the time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenant of Promise, having no hope, and without God in the world."
- III. (Isa. 57:21) Without **PEACE** - Which alone can CALM the mind and KEEP the heart in perfect peace.
"But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked."
- IV. (Eph. 2:12) Without **HOPE** - Which alone can keep us looking onward and upward and makes the future bright with coming GLORY.
"...Having no HOPE, and without God in the world."
- V. (John 3:3,5) Without **LIFE** - Which alone he can SEE & ENTER the Kingdom of God.
"Verily, verily, (Believe me, Believe me) I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."
"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God."
- VI. (Romans 5:6) Without **STRENGTH** - Sinner has no ability to rise to higher things.
"For when we were yet without STRENGTH, in due time Christ died for the Ungodly." Also, (John 15:5b) "Without ME, ye can do nothing."
- VII. (Jude 19) Without **THE SPIRIT** - You cannot be HIS.
"These be they who separate themselves, Sensual, having not the Spirit."
Also (Rom. 8:9b) *"Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of HIS."*

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‘Be Of Good Cheer’

John 15:11

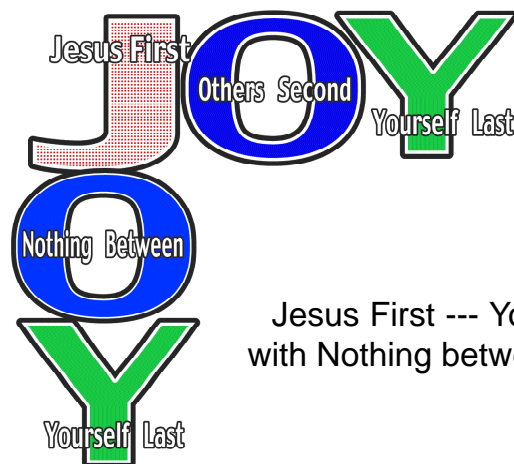
‘ . . . that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.’

INTRO: There is a sad lack of ol’ fashion, overflowing, sweet, precious heart-felt **Christian Joy** in the Church today. There is a great deal more **sadness**, instead of **gladness**. The average church (and church member) is characterized by Powerlessness, Weakness, Indifference, Unconcern, Apathy, Sin, Pride, Jealousy, Bitterness --- out of joint, critical, murmuring, unbelief. So many problems, pressures in the average home, family, individuals, work place, schools, and church. Powerlessness, Joylessness, Hopelessness, Fruitless, Faithless, Loveless, Prayerless, Convictionless, Peaceless. Something has happened to us since Pentecost. We seem to come together to **Mourn a Defeat --- rather than celebrate a Victory**. To preach the **‘Gospel’** --- the Good News, not bad news.

OUR LORD GAVE US THREE ‘GOOD CHEERS’

- 1st The Good Cheer of FORGIVENESS** (Matt. 9:2).
*‘Be of **good cheer**, thy sins be forgiven thee. . .’*
- 2nd The Good Cheer of HIS PRESENCE** (Mark 6:50).
*‘Be of **good cheer**: It is I, be not afraid.’*
- 3rd The Good Cheer of VICTORY** (John 16:33).
*‘Be of **good cheer**; I have overcome the world.’*

We are to celebrate a: **A TRIUMPH --- not a Tragedy.**
A VICTORY ---- not a Defeat.
A FEAST ----- not a Funeral.



Jesus First --- You
with Nothing between

Christ's Farewell Message

John 16:1-33

INTRO: The Lord had just instructed His disciples of their relationship with Him; the basis of their union with each other; what to expect from the World and their Joint-witnessing with the Holy Spirit. The first half of this Chapter explains the **Promise, Presence & Purpose of the Holy Spirit**, our great helper, the One called alongside to help.

I. (1 - 15) ABSENCE of CHRIST — PRESENCE of the HOLY SPIRIT.

A. (1 -4) PERSECUTION & SUFFERING DURING HIS ABSENCE.

1. (v. 2) Reason for Persecution --- They think they are serving God.
2. (v. 3) Real Reason – Know not Christ, nor the Father.
(cf. Rom. 10:2; Gal. 1:13-14. Zeal without knowledge.)

B. (5 - 7) HIS GOING IS NECESSARY to the SPIRIT'S COMING.

(Spirit's Presence proves His Resurrection).

C. (8–11) THE MISSION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THE WORLD.

(To the Believer His is the **Comforter** & the **Spirit of Truth**, but to the **World**, He is the **Reprover & Convicter of Sin**).

1. CONVICTS OF SIN – Unbelief is the Sin that damns the Soul.
2. CONVICTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS – Not our righteousness (Isa. 64:6) but Christ's perfect Righteousness (I Cor. 1:30).
3. CONVICTS OF JUDGMENT – Already accomplished at Calvary for the Christian, but yet to be fully executed for the Unbeliever.

D. (12-15) THE MISSION of the HOLY SPIRIT to the CHURCH.

(Known in this capacity as the Spirit of Truth).

1. (v. 13) Shall Guide His own into all Truth.
2. (v. 13b) '*Not speak of Himself*' (i.e., of His own accord, but what he hears; so Christ, cf. 8:26).
3. (v. 13) Reveal the Future --- the Things to Come.
4. (v. 14) Glorify Christ --- As Christ exalted the Father, so will the Spirit exalt Him (Christ), and so should the believer exalt Christ (cf. 15:26 & I John 5:6).

II. (16-28) THE JOY OF A CHRISTIAN.

A. (16-22) SORROW (Absence of Christ) TURNED INTO JOY.

B. (23-28) PRAYER (Asking & Receiving) MAKES JOY FULL.

III. (29-33) VICTORY OVER THE WORLD (I John 5:4).

A. (29-31) DISCIPLES CONFESS HIS OMNISCIENCE (*Knowest all things*, v. 31 & 21:17). Because of this ---

B. (v. 32) CHRIST FORETELLS OF THEIR DESERTION; yet He will not be alone, because the Father is with Him, but even the Father forsakes Him on the Cross (Matt. 27:46).

C. (v. 33) CHRIST'S VICTORY INSURES OUR PEACE IN HIM.

IN HIM, PEACE - - - IN WORLD, TRIBULATION.

From Entry to Exit

John 16:32-33

1. **Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem** (Matt. 21:1-11)
2. **The Passover Supper --- Lord's Supper** (Luke 22:14)
3. **Jesus' Prayer for His Disciples** (John 17)
4. **Garden of Gethsemane** (Luke 22:39-46)
5. **Judas' Betrayal** (30 pieces of Silver) (Matt. 26:47-56)
6. **Malchus' Ear Cut Off by Peter** (Luke 22:50-51)
7. **The 6 Trials of Jesus** (All Illegal):
 - A. **3 Jewish --- Religious**
 1. Annas (John 18:13)
 2. Caiaphas (Matt. 26:57)
 3. Sanhedrin (Luke 22:63-71)
 - B. **3 Roman --- Political**
 1. Pilate (John 18:28-38)
 2. Herod (Luke 23:6-12)
 3. Pilate (Luke 23:13-25)(Washes hands)
8. **Jesus Scourged Mocked --- Humiliated** (Matt. 27:26-30)
9. **The Road to the Cross** (Luke 23:26-33)
10. **Christ Crucified** (Mark 15:24-28)
 - A. **Christ's 7 Sayings from the Cross:**
 1. Words of **Forgiveness** (Luke 23:34)
 2. Words of **Concern** (John 19:26)
 3. Words of **Salvation** (Luke 23:43)
 4. Words of **Suffering & Need** (John 19:28)
 5. Words of **Anguish** (Forsaken) (Matt. 27:46)
 6. Words of **Committment** (Luke 23:46)
 7. Words of **Completion** (John 19:30)
 - B. **Super-Natural Phenomenon:**
 1. Darkness for 3 hours (Luke 23:44-45)
 2. Veil of the Temple Rent (Matt. 27:51)
 3. Earthquake (Matt. 27:51-52)
 4. Graves Opened (Matt. 27:52)
 5. Many bodies of Saints arose (Matt. 27:52)
 - C. **Death of Jesus Christ**
 1. Side Pierced (John 19:34)
 2. Not a Bone Broken (Psa. 34:20 cf. John 19:36)
 3. Body Claimed by Joseph (John 19:38-39)
 4. Buried by Joseph & Nicodemus (John 19:40-42)
 5. Tomb Sealed & Soldiers Set (Matt. 27:62-66)

His Hour

John 2:4; 7:30; 8:20; 12:23; 12:27; 16:32; 17:1

INTRO: Jesus used the word 'Hour' seven (7) times in the Gospel of John in reference to His death on the Cross. The climax of His Life was His Death; the climax of His Death was His Resurrection; the climax of His Resurrection was His Ascension; the climax of His Ascension is His Soon Return. This same Jesus shall so come.... as ye have seen Him go.

His Hour is not yet come:

1. (John 2:4) **First Miracle - Spoken to His Mother.**
'Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.'
2. (John 7:30) **Nazareth - Rejected as the Messiah.**
'Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come.'
3. (John 8:20) **Light of the World - Rejected.**
'These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.'

His Hour is come:

4. (John 12:23) **Son of Man be Glorified.**
'And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.'
5. (John 12:27) **Garden of Gethsemane - Agony.**
'Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.'
6. (John 16:32) **Forsakened - yet not alone.**
'Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.'
7. (John 17:1) **HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER.**
'These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee.'

LORD'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER

John 17:1-26

INTRO: This is truly the **Lord's Prayer**. The **Prayer** of Matthew 6:9 & Luke 11:1 are His instructions for our Prayers, a Pattern for our prayers.

This Chapter is **Timeless** as it looks past the Cross, past Christ's Ascension, past Him seated on the Father's Throne at the Right Hand of God (Rom. 8:34) interceding for His own through this present Age and on to His soon coming.

I. (1 - 5) CHRIST'S PRAYER FOR HIMSELF.

His '**Hour**' for which He came into the world '*is come.*' His request for Himself is two-fold: (1) For the Father to '*Glorify*' Him that He might '*Glorify*' the Father, and (2) He might be reinvested with His Pre-existent Glory, not simply as before, but now in Human Body also. Jesus based this request upon His Finished Work (v. 4).

II. (6 - 19) CHRIST'S PRAYER FOR HIS DISCIPLES.

As Christ was sent (vs. 3, 8, & 18) so He sends His Disciples. Therefore, He makes two requests for them:

A. (11-16) PRAYS THAT THEY MIGHT BE KEPT - - -

1. (v. 11) KEPT TOGETHER (as one) THROUGH HIS NAME.
2. (v. 12) KEPT BY CHRIST UNTO ETERNAL LIFE (v. 3).
3. (v. 15) KEPT FROM THE EVIL ONE (Devil).

(He does not ask that they be kept from Trouble, Pain, Sorrow or Temptation - - - but from SEPARATION (Rom. 8:35), from DISCOURAGEMENT (v. 13, that My Joy might be fulfilled in themselves); and from SIN (v. 15).

B. (17-19) PRAYS THAT THEY MIGHT BE SANCTIFIED - - -

(To '*Sanctify*' means '*to make Holy, i.e. to separate from the world and consecrate to God.*' I.S.B.E.)

1. The WAY of Sanctification is through the Word (Truth).
(cf. John 15:3; Eph. 5:26 with v. 17)
2. Sanctification is something we must do ourselves.
(cf. Exo. 19:23; 2 Tim. 2:21; 1 John 3:3 with v. 19)
3. Accomplished through - - -
 - a. Atonement (Heb. 13:12) and
 - b. By the Holy Spirit (1 Pet. 1:2).

III. (20-26) CHRIST'S PRAYER FOR HIS CHURCH.

(v. 20) Is where we come in, '*For them also which shall believe*' on Him. Wonderful, the Bible is up-to-date. If God numbers the Hairs of our Heads, surely He numbers the Heads; and as He numbers the Heads, He knows one Head from another and prayed for us before we were born.)

A. (20-23) PRAYS FOR BELIEVER'S UNITY WITH FATHER & SON.

B. (24-26) PRAYS FOR BELIEVER'S FUTURE IN GLORY WITH HIM.

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High Priestly Prayer

John 17:1-26

'Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word.' (v. 20)

INTRO: **In the Garden** **Jesus Prayed for Himself**
 On the Cross **Jesus Prayed for the World**
 John 17 **Jesus Prayed for ME** (All future believers)

- I. (2 - 3) PRAYED FOR OUR SALVATION.**
- II. (v. 11) PRAYED FOR OUR SECURITY.**
Quote: "Haven of Rest"
- III. (v. 13) PRAYED FOR OUR SATISFACTION.**
That earnest seeking of your heart --- in Christ Jesus.
- IV. (v. 15) PRAYED FOR OUR SAFETY.**
- V. (v. 17) PRAYED FOR OUR SANCTIFICATION.**
'Set apart' - - - Example: This building, pulpit, etc.
- VI. (21-22) PRAYED FOR OUR ONE-NESS.**
Solidification - - - Unity - - - Singleness
ILLUST: Many congregations are like two cats tied together by their tails and hung over a clothes line. There is **unity**, but not much **harmony**. We need both, unity and harmony in His service.
- VII. (v. 24) PRAYED FOR OUR SETTLEMENT.**

THREE THINGS I HAVE GIVEN THEM

- 1. (1 - 8) SALVATION (v. 2) PAST Thy Life.**
'I have given them **ETERNAL LIFE**.'
- 2. (9-19) SANCTIFICATION (v. 14) PRESENT Thy Word.**
'I have given them **Thy Word**.'
- 3. (20-26) GLORIFICATION (v. 22) FUTURE Thy Glory.**
'I have given them **Thy Glory**.'

LESSONS

- #1 Believers are the Father's Love Gift to His Son** (v. 2).
and He will not take back His love gift.
- #2 Jesus Christ Finished His Work** (v. 4). If a believer loses his Salvation --- Christ did not complete His work and keep His word.
- #3 Jesus Christ was able to keep His own while on earth.** He is just as able to keep them today --- He is the same All-mighty Saviour.
- #4 Jesus Christ knows we will finally be with Him.** Where He is (Heaven) because He has already given us His Glory.

ILLUST: King Cyrus captured a Prince, his wife and children. When asked what the Prince would give in exchange for his own life? He answered '*The half of my kingdom*.' What for the release of your children? '*The whole of my kingdom*.' What for the release of your wife? '*Myself*.' Cyrus was so moved by the Prince's answer and released all. As the Prince, his wife, and family were leaving Cyrus' presence, the Prince said, '*Wasn't King Cyrus a wonderful man?*' His wife answered, '*I don't know, I never saw him, I saw only YOU*.'

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Between the Garden & the Cross

John 18:1-40

INTRO: The events in this chapter take place the night before the cross, from the Garden of Gethsemane (while the Disciples **slept**, Jesus **sweat** as it were great drops of blood) to the total rejection of Jesus by the Jews.

I. (1 - 9) JUDAS BETRAYS JESUS.

(Matt. 26:47; Mark 14:43; Luke 22:47; John 18:1) *'A great multitude with swords and staves. . .'* (Probably 200-400 people that came out to arrest Jesus).

II. (10-11) JESUS' LAST PUBLIC MIRACLE - - - Healing of Malchus' Ear.

This miracle holds an unique place among all the miracles that our Lord performed during His earthly ministry:

1. It was the Last Miracle our Lord performed before the Cross.
2. It was performed upon an Enemy.
3. It was performed without being asked for.
4. It was performed as an act of mercy.
5. It was the re-attachment of a member of the body.
6. It was a Spiritual Lesson to all His disciples (especially, Simon Peter). That the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (2 Cor. 10:4) *'For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.'*

In other words: We don't use the weapons that the world uses (Guns, swords, bombs, etc.), but we use Spiritual Weapons (Prayer, Faith, Obedience, Love, etc.) to defeat and overcome our enemies.

7. Also note: That this miracle was *'the EAR'* - - - *'So then faith cometh by hearing (the ear), and hearing by the word of God.'*

ILLUST: If you cut someone's ear off, he can never hear the Word of God and get saved! How is it possible for you or me to cut off someone's ear? (by losing our temper, saying something bad about them, owing them money and not paying our debt, offending without asking forgiveness, being lifted up in pride or haughty, being unfriendly, being selfish, etc.)

III. (12-14) JESUS' ARREST - - - Brought to the Ex-Hi-Priest Annas.

Annas was the former Hi-Priest (retired) and the Father-in-law to Caiaphas, the present Hi-Priest. This was the **FIRST ILLEGAL TRIAL** of Jesus.

IV. (15-18 & 25-27) PETER'S DENIALS - - - Cock Crowing.

1st Denial (v. 17)

2nd Denial (v. 25)

3rd Denial (v. 27) (Peter denies Christ with a curse & swearing, Matt. 26:74).
(He went out and wept bitterly).

NOTE: What was the difference between what Judas did (his betrayal) and what Peter did (denial)? **Judas-Betrayed - for profit** (greed, money). **Peter - Denial - for Fear.** What added to Peter's sin was ¹ **Over-confidence** - Others, but not me; ² **Under-confidence** Following afar off, Associating with wrong crowd (warming himself by their fire and Topping it all off with Cursing and Swearing; ³ **No Confidence** - guilt. . . went out and wept bitterly.

V. (19-24) SECOND ILLEGAL TRIAL - - - before Caiaphas.

NOTE: There were 7 Trials of Jesus (all illegal): 3 Jewish (Religious) & 3 Roman (Political):

JEWISH TRIALS

1. Annas (John 18:13)
2. Caiaphas (Matt. 26:57)
3. Sanhedrin (Luke 22:63-71)

ROMAN TRIALS

1. Pilate (John 18:28-38)
2. Herod (Luke 23:6-12)
3. Pilate (Luke 23:13-25)(Washes hands)

VI. (28-38) FOURTH ILLEGAL TRIAL - - - before Pilate.

VII. (39-40) BARABBAS CHOSEN TO BE RELEASED --- Barabbas was a:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Robber (John 18:40) | 5. Thief (Mark 15:21) |
| 2. Seditionist (Traitor, Luke 22:19) | 6. Transgressor (Mark 15:28) |
| 3. Murderer (Luke 22:19) | 7. Notable Prisoner (Matt. 27:16) |
| 4. Malefactor (Hardened) (Luke 23:32) | 8. Mockers (Matt. 27:44) |

Jesus Passeth Bye

Luke 18:37

INTRO: Heros, Soldiers, Politicians, Famous People, are greeted with a glorious welcome when they come home, but not so with Jesus. They listened to Him, watched Him perform wonders, and yet they wanted to kill Him, but *'He came unto His own, but His own received Him not, but to as many as received Him. . . '* It was no accident that Jesus passed bye each of the following, and it is no accident that in your crisis, Jesus is there to meet your greatest need. Often we think our greatest need is some physical need in our life, but our greater need is spiritual.

I. WOMAN AT THE WELL (John 4)

Jesus must needs go through Samaria.

II. GOOD SAMARITAN (Luke 10)

As He journeyed --- the others by chance, but the good Samaritan deliberately journeyed that way.

III. WIDOW of NAIN (Luke 7:11-16)

Those two groups, the funeral procession and disciples with Jesus converging was no accident. Life and Death met that day, and Life claimed the victory.

IV. BLIND BARTIMAEUS (Luke 18)

As Jesus passed through Jericho that day, little did Bartimaeus and Zacchaeus realize that this was the last time Jesus was to pass this way, He was heading to the cross to die. This was literally their last opportunity. It could well be Now or Never!

V. ZACCHAEUS (Luke 19:1-10)

Bartimaeus was Down & Out

Zachaeus was Up & Out

Both were Out and needed Christ in their lives.

THE CRUCIFIXION

John 19

INTRO: The religious trials before Anna, Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin sentenced Jesus to death, but they lacked the authority to execute Him; therefore, they brought Him before Pilate and the Roman court. The Civil Court also found Him '*Not Guilty*,' yet, committed the crime of satisfying a blood-thirsty mob (People Pleasing) rather than justice.

I. (1 - 16) **JESUS IS PERSECUTED.**

- A. (1 - 3) **PERSECUTED & MOCKED** (Inside the Courtroom).
- B. (4 - 7) **ACQUITTED** - - - yet **CONDEMNED** by the Mob.
- C. (8-11) **THE SILENCE of JESUS** - - - Pilate's Limited Power.
The Greater Sin - - - (The Jews were sinning against Bible Light;
(v. 11)
whereas, Pilate's sin was against Justice).
(Matt. 27:24-25) Pilate washes his hands.
- D. (12-16) **PILATE FORCED TO DECIDE**
 - 1. Pilate is forced to decide between Cæsar or Christ - - -
 - 2. The People make their final rejection by openly declaring that they have no king but Cæsar.
 - 3. Jesus is delivered to the soldiers and led away to be crucified.

II. (17-37) **JESUS IS CRUCIFIED.**

- A. (17-22) **THE SUPER-SCRIPTION ON THE CROSS.**
 - 1. Written in 3 Languages (v. 20) - - - Universal Languages.
 - **Hebrew** - - - Language of **Religion**.
 - **Greek** - - - - Language of **Culture** (Education - Man's wisdom).
 - **Latin** - - - - - Language of **Government** (Politics - Rome, world).
 - 2. The Entire **Inscription** must have been:
'*This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.*'
- B. (23-27) **THE TWO GROUPS AT THE CROSS.**
 - 1. (23-24) The **SOLDIERS** (Fulfilling Scripture - - - Psa. 22:18).
 - 2. (25-27) The Four **WOMEN**.
- C. (28-30) **CHRIST'S DEATH (Voluntary) ON THE CROSS.**
- D. (31-37) **HIS SIDE PIERCED** - - - Scripture fulfilled (Zech. 12:10).

III. (3-42) **JESUS IS BURIED.**

- A. (38-40) **JESUS IS REMOVED FROM THE CROSS.**
(Joseph of Arimathea & Nicodemus take an open stand for Christ)
- B. (41-42) **JESUS IS BURIED IN JOSEPH'S NEW TOMB.**

The Crucifixion

John 19:1-42

INTRO: The religious trials before Annas, Caiaphas & the Sanhedrin sentenced Jesus to death, but lacked the authority to execute Him; therefore, they brought Him before Pilate & the Roman Court. The Civil Court also found Him '*not guilty*,' yet, committed the crime of satisfying a blood thirsty mob (People Pleasing) rather than justice.

I. (1 - 16) JESUS IS PERSECUTED.

- A. (1 - 3) PERSECUTED & MOCKED (Inside the Courtroom).
- B. (4 - 7) ACQUITTED - - - yet CONDEMNED by the Mob.
- C. (8-11) The SILENCE of JESUS - - - Pilate's Limited Power.
THE GREATER SIN - - - (Jews were sinning against Bible Light;
(v. 11) Pilate's sin was against Justice).
(Matt. 27:24-25) Pilate washes his hands.
- D. (12-16) PILATE FORCED TO DECIDE:
 - 1. Pilate is forced to decide between Caesar or Christ ---
He chooses to be called the Friend of Caesar.
 - 2. The People make their rejection final by openly declaring
that they have no king but Caesar.

II. (17-37) JESUS IS CRUCIFIED.

- A. (17-22) THE SUPER-SCRIPTION ON THE CROSS.
 - 1. Written in 3 Languages (v. 20) - - - Universal Languages.
 - a. **Hebrew** - - - Language of Religion.
 - b. **Greek** - - - Language of Culture (Education - Human Wisdom).
 - c. **Latin** - - - Language of Government (Politics, Rome, World).
 - 2. The entire INSCRIPTION must have been:
'*This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.*'
- B. (23-27) THE TWO GROUPS AT THE CROSS.
 - 1. (23-24) The SOLDIERS (Fulfilling Scripture --- Psa. 22:18)
 - 2. (25-27) The FOUR WOMEN.
- C. (28-30) CHRIST'S DEATH (Willingly) ON THE CROSS.
- D. (31-37) SIDE PIERCED --- Scripture Fulfilled (Zech. 12:10).

III. (38-42) JESUS IS BURIED.

- A. (38-40) JESUS IS REMOVED FROM THE CROSS.
(Joseph of Arimathea & Nicodemus take an open stand for Christ.)
- B. (41-42) JESUS IS BURIED IN JOSEPH'S NEW TOMB.

The Three Crosses

- I. CROSS of REJECTION - - - The Unsaved Sinner:
Died In Sin with His Sin on Himself & in Him.
- II. CROSS of RECEPTION - - - The Saved Sinner (Saint):
Died to Sin - - - with His Sin on Jesus.
- III. CROSS of REDEMPTION - - - The Saviour (Jesus):
Died for Sin - - - with all Our Sin Upon Him,
but with no Sin in Him.

The Crowds About The Cross

Luke 23:33-37 & John 19:25-30

INTRO: Crowds have always been fickle! They are often influenced by the loudest and strongest voice. They are usually moved by fervent emotions and easily lead astray. Usually, the group that is against someone or something is small, and the group for is also small, the real majority is uncommitted.

I. SPECTATORS - - - Cold -- Unconcerned -- Indifferent --

A. Crowds of THAT DAY - - -

1. Soldiers - - - Routine - Rough - Casting lots for raiment.
2. Crowd Passing By - - - Shaking their heads - shooting out their lips.
While the Son of God is dying on the Cross.

B. Crowds of TO-DAY - - - The Cross still Divides the World.

Whether you realize it or not

- - - YOU ARE ON ONE SIDE or the OTHER!

The **World** would:

- **Humanize God**
- **Deify Man**
- **Minimize Sin**
- **Maxify Satan**
- **Mutilate the Bible**

*The Modernist
Would Take the*



- The Glory out of Heaven
- The Fire out of Hell
- The Fear out of Judgment
- The Deity out of Jesus Christ
- The Sting out of Death
- The Penalty out of Sin
- The Reaping out of Sowing
- The Power out of Preaching
- The Joy out of Giving
- The Fire out of Revival
- The Burden out of Soulwinning
- The Blood out of Redemption
- The Grace out of Salvation
- The Church out of Business

ILLUST: Jehoakim (Jerm 36:24) heard a portion of the Bible read, he cut it up with a penknife and cast it into the fire. He did the same with the next portion, and the next, and the next, until the only copy of Book of Jeremiah in existence had been consumed in the fire! Shocking as it is to read of someone trying to destroy the Word of God; it is even more shocking to read in v. 24 '**They were not afraid. . .**' Is this the spirit of the world today?

Not afraid of God's Judgment? Not afraid of God?

The Crowds About The Cross

Luke 23:33-37 & John 19:25-30

II. ENEMIES - - - Hatred --- Bitter

A. CROWDS of that DAY - - -

Scribes - Priests - Rulers - Lawyers - Pharisees - Sanhedrin - Soldiers

Jesus had exposed their Hypocrisy, Corruption, Wickedness.

Shaken their Foundations, Threatened their Security.

Stepped on their Toes, Called for their Repentance. . .

THEY HATED HIM.

B. CROWDS OF TO-DAY - - - Religious - Pious -Emphasize Love.

Dis-honest in their Business,

Deceptive in their Witness,

Destructive in their Influence,

Determined in their Madness,

Devilish in their Practice.

ILLUST: A friend of mine was a Stewart in his church. He trusted Christ as his Saviour, and in his excitement he went to his pastor to tell him of his new found salvation. Pastor wasn't impressed and gave him a booklet, saying, '*This is what we believe.*' Later they expelled him from the church.

They hate the Cross, Blood, Church, Gospel & Christians.

III. FRIENDS - - - Love --- Sympathy --- Smallest Crowd

A. Crowd of THAT DAY - - -

Mary, the Women, John - - - Only a Handful.

Few - weak - poor - stunned - but **Loyal**.

B. Crowd of TO-DAY - - - Faithful, Consecrated, **Loyal**.

Though --- *The Burdens are Heavy,*

The Way Dreary,

The Need is Great,

Though Ridiculed - Despised - Hated

Mis-understood - Persecuted

They bear their CROSS DAILY,

Pressing ever Onward & Upward.

Which Crowd Are You With?

Make your decision NOW!

The Time is at Hand - - - The Hour has struck

God in Heaven calls ou to Choose

Holy Spirit is pleading - - - NOW!

Can Ye Drink of the Cup?

John 19:28; Matthew 20:22; Mark 10:38

Key Verse: (Mark 10:38) "Can ye drink of the cup that I drink of?"

INTRO: Drinking of a cup speaks of sharing, partaking of whatever the cup contains whether it be Bitter or Sweet. The Cup that Jesus was referring to was one of extreme Bitterness. It was a Cup of Poverty, Humiliation, Agony, Rejection, Despising, Betrayal, Submission, Suffering, Death. Such a Cup as no mere man could possibly endure and survive.

THOT: Only thing Jesus ever asked for, for Himself was - '*A drink of water*'.

1. Woman at well
 2. On Cross 'I thirst'.
- } And neither time did He receive it.

SOME CUPS

- I. The Cup of POVERTY** - So Human Hunger, No Place to lay His head, etc. (2 Cor. 8:9) "*For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.*"

How rich was He? How poor did He become?

He Who was infinitely rich, became Poor, that we who were totally bankrupt might be rich.

DOES HE UNDERSTAND POVERTY? He says, "**I UNDERSTAND**"

- II. The Cup of BETRAYAL - Have You Ever Experienced This Cup?**

Not many friends - a lot of acquaintances - yes!

But most of us can number our real friends.

One Special Friend - Then one day that friend disappoints us, betrays.

Praise God, we have a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

THOT: Idle talk (gossip) can destroy the confidence of a Godly person in winning your loved ones to Christ (Mate, children, friends, etc.)

- III. The Cup of PAIN /SUFFERING** - No one ever suffered like Jesus suffered.

Jesus was just as HUMAN as His Mother and

Just as DIVINE as His Father.

ILLUST: Walter Wilson said "It's only 11 miles to Hell and just 4" below your collar bone."

- IV. SORROW/BEREAVMENT** -

Lazarus - Great Sympathizing Lord. '*Jesus wept*' real literal tears. The people saw those tears and commented on His love.

- V. DEATH** - No Shadow Without A Light.

ILLUST: Small boy (Ronnie) riding a tricycle up and down the sidewalk, in and out of the shadow of the trees. No Fear! A shadow can not hurt you.

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The RESURRECTION

John 20

INTRO: How important is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ? Is it absolutely essential for you to believe that Christ was really raised from the dead?

- God declared Jesus to be the Son of God with power by raising Him from the dead (Rom. 1:4);
- We are Justified by His resurrection (Rom. 4:25);
- It is necessary for Salvation (Rom. 10:9);
- Our preaching is in vain without His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:14);
- Your faith is in vain without His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:14);
- Our Lord promises to bring those that believe with Him at His soon coming (1 Thess. 4:14).

YES, It is very Important! It is absolutely Essential!

I. (1 - 10) **AN EMPTY TOMB --- A RISEN SAVIOUR.**

A. (1 - 2) **MARY DISCOVERS THE OPEN TOMB.**

What day is the First Day of the Week? Why is it called the Lord's Day?

B. (2 - 10) **PETER & JOHN EXAMINE THE EMPTY TOMB.**

(John, the youngest, outruns Peter who enters the tomb first.

What they saw was contrary to their expectations.)

SPECIAL NOTE:

THREE DIFFERENT WAYS OF SEEING:

1. Mary (1 - 2) took a CASUAL LOOK and gave a False Report.
2. Peter (6 - 7) took a CRITICAL LOOK and was Confused.
3. John (v. 8) saw with UNDERSTANDING and Believed.

II. (11-18) **MARY MAGDALENE LINGERS AT THE TOMB --- CHRIST REVEALS HIMSELF TO MARY.**

A. (11-13) **MARY SPEAKS WITH THE TWO ANGELS IN THE TOMB.**

B. (14-17) **MARY SPEAKS WITH THE LORD HIMSELF.**

1. She supposes wrong - - - both as to the Person she was speaking to, and as to what was done with Jesus.
2. She recognizes Him as He speaks her name.

C. (v. 18) **Mary Speaks to the Disciples of these things.**

III. (19-29) **CHRIST REVEALS HIMSELF TO HIS DISCIPLES.**

A. (19-23) **CHRIST'S FIRST APPEARANCE (Thomas absent).**

Speaks Peace, shows proof of wounded hands & side, confirms former commission and breaths on them.

B. (24-25) **THE ABSENCE & UNBELIEF OF THOMAS.**

C. (26-29) **CHRIST'S SECOND APPEARANCE (Thomas present).**

NOTE: This confession of Faith by Thomas is immediately followed by the Purpose of John's Gospel to bring its readers to just such a faith in Christ. If one who was so skeptical was convinced, surely we can also believe!

IV. (30-31) **THE METHOD and PURPOSE OF JOHN'S GOSPEL.**

John's intentions were not to write a complete biography of Jesus Christ, but rather to emphasize personal Faith in Jesus Christ.

The Cross – Crucifixion – Resurrection

John 19:23-30 & I Cor. 1:18

INTRO: (I Cor. 1:18) *'For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.'*

- I. The CROSS:** --- There's no escape from the Cross. It's white light blazes down the Hi-way of life. All must pass by Calvary. The whole human race has sinned. What can we do about it? Nothing! God has already done it. He gave His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins on the Cross. The Cross is the Cross-roads of Eternity.

ILLUST: Sign on a Cross: "Stop by and visit --- on your way to eternity." Do more than visit, make it a reality in your life.

The CROSS shows:

1. Height of man's folly
2. Depth of his sin
3. Greatness of his iniquity
4. Wickedness of his heart
5. Darkness of his imagination
6. Breath of his rebellion
7. Stiffness of his neck
8. Hardness of his heart
9. Foolishness of his rejection
10. Lostness of his condition

The CROSS also shows:

1. God's Mercy
2. God's Love
3. God's Grace
4. God's Greatness
5. God's Glory
6. God's Power
7. God's

- II. The CRY:** "A Loud Voice."

1. "Father, forgive them...."
2. "Mother - son....son - mother"
3. Dying thief "Today....paradise"
4. "I thirst"
5. "My God, My God...."
6. "Father, into Thy hands...."
7. "It is finished"

- III. The CROWN:** "Thorns" --- Curse (Gen. 3:17-18) *'....cursed is the ground
18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee....'*

- IV. The CHRIST:** The Man of the Cross ---

1. Between two thieves --- yet Innocent (v. 18)
2. Above Gamblers --- yet Forgiving (vs. 23-24)
3. Before His Friends --- yet Concerned (vs. 26-27)
4. In Great Agony --- yet Considerate (v. 28)
5. Facing Death --- yet Promising Life (Thief)
6. Man, More than Man --- yet He Is God.
7. Died --- yet He is not dead --- He is ALIVE!
8. Buried --- 'He is not here' --- 'For He is Risen.'

- V. The CURSE:** (Gal. 3:13) *'Christ...being made a curse for us....Cursed is every one that
hath hanged on a tree.'*

- VI. The CAUSE:** (Acts 2:36) *'Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath
made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.'*

- VII. The CURE:** (I Pet. 1:18-19) *'Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with
corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition
from your fathers; ¹⁹ But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish
and without spot.'*

Seven Miracles of Calvary

Matt. 27:35-54; Mark 15:33-39; Luke 23:39-45; John 19:23-24

INTRO: Calvary itself was a **Miracle of Love and Grace** and only eternity can fully reveal the continuing Miracle of Calvary in souls saved, lives changed and sin conquered. It took a Miracle of Grace to provide Redemption for a world of sinners lost and ruined by the fall. **Remember:** The Creation of the World only cost God His **Breath**, but its Redemption cost Him His **Blood**.

I. THE MIRACLE OF PROPHECY FULFILLED (Matt. 27:35 cf Psa. 22)
(Psa. 22:1, 7, 8, 12, 14, 16, 18) Language of the Cross. (Also, John 19:24, 28).

II. THE MIRACLE OF THE THIEF SAVED (Luke 23:39-43)
Jesus was crucified between two thieves. One rejected Christ and died in his sin with his sin upon himself. The other accepted Christ and died to his sin with his sin upon Christ. Christ died for sin with our sin upon him.
This saved Thief couldn't do anything for salvation but simply trust Christ. He couldn't go to Church, be baptized or any other such thing. Salvation is all of Grace. All of Grace or not of Grace at all!

III. THE MIRACLE OF DARKNESS (Matt. 27:45; Mark 1:33 & Luke 23:44).
When Jesus Christ became sin for us, God could not, would not look upon sin on His Son, and He didn't let anyone else either. God shut out the Sun at its brightest moment, the Noon hour.

IV. THE MIRACLE OF THE VEIL OF THE TEMPLE RENT (Matt. 27:51).
This veil divided the Holy of Holies from the Holy Place and was entered only once a year by the High Priest on the great Day of Atonement (Exo. 26:31 & Lev. 16). This veil was 5" thick made of strands of *'Blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work; with cherubims shall it be made'* (Exo. 26:31). It was 15 feet high and if you will notice it was torn from *'Top to bottom.'* No man could ever do this . . . this was the work of God. The **Veil** (type of our Lord's human body (Heb. 10:20) opens a **'new and living way'** into the presence of God without other offerings, sacrifices or priests except Christ. For 40 years afterward the priests tried patching that veil. . . even as today. They are still trying to shut up the **Way**.

V. THE MIRACLE OF THE EARTHQUAKE - - - ROCKS RENT (Matt. 27:51).
Which? A convulsion of the Earth or a Display of Divine Power?

VI. THE MIRACLE OF THE GRAVES OPENED & THE SAINTS ARISING.

VII. THE MIRACLE OF BLOOD & WATER (John 19:34).
The result of a *'Broken Heart'*. When a person dies, he stops bleeding immediately. His Life was not taken, it was **Given**.

'Truly this was the Son of God.' (Matt. 27:54)

The Greatest of All Miracles

Our Salvation!

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Too Sacred to Delegate

Matt. 27:57-61	Mark 15:42-47	Luke 23:50-56	John 19:38-42
1. Rich Man of Arimathaea	1. Joseph of Arimathaea	1. Man named Joseph	1. Joseph of Arimathaea
2. Went to Pilate (He had access)	2. Honourable Counsellor	2. A Counsellor	2. A Disciple of Jesus
3. Name was "Joseph"	3. Waited for Kingdom of God	3. He was a Good Man	3. Secretly - Fear of Jews
4. Jesus' Disciple	4. Went in boldly to Pilate	4. And a Just Man	4. Besought Pilate for body
5. Begged Body of Jesus	5. "Craved" body of Jesus	5. He had not consented to their counsel & deeds	5. Pilate gave leave
6. Granted his request	6. Pilate marvelled - dead	6. Of Arimathaea	6. Came - took body down
7. Wrapped body in a clean linen cloth	7. Checked with Centurion	7. City of the Jews	7. Also, Nicodemus
8. Laid body in own Tomb	8. Confirmed - Gave body to Joseph	8. Waited for K. of God	8. Nicodemus brought 100 pound of Myrrh & Aloes
9. New Hewn tomb	9. Brought Fine Linen	9. Went unto Pilate	9. They took body down
10. Tomb was in a rock	10. Took Jesus' body down	10. Begged Body of Jesus	10. Wound in linen w/ spices
11. Sealed tomb with a great Stone	11. Wrapped in Linen	11. Took it down	11. As manner of Jews
12. Departed	12. Laid Him in Sepulchre	12. Wrapped in Linen	12. A Garden at place the Cross
13. Mary Mag. & the other Mary sitting there	13. Hewn out of Rock	13. Laid in Sepulchre	13. A New Sepulchre
	14. Closed door w/ a stone	14. Hewn in Stone	14. Never man laid
	15. Mary Mag. & Mary, Mother of Jesus watched	15. Never man laid	15. They laid Jesus there
		16. Women Beheld	16. Sepulchre was nigh

Matthew's Alone Tells us:	Mark's Additional Info:	Luke's Additional Info:	John's Additional Info:
1. It was a 'clean' line cloth	1. Joseph was an Honourable Counsellor	1. Joseph was a Good Man	1. Secret Disciple for Fear
2. It was Joseph's own tomb	2. Waited for Kingdom of God	2. Just	2. Nicodemus
	3. Went in Boldly to Pilate	3. Did not consent to their Counsel & Deeds	3. Nicodemus brought 100 lb. weight of Myrrh & Aloes
	4. 'Craved' the body of Jesus	4. Arimathea, City of the Jews	4. They took down body
	5. Pilate marvelled already dead	5. Never man laid in tomb	5. A Garden near the Cross
	6. Checked with Centurion		6. Burial - Manner of Jews
	7. Mary, Mother of Jesus watched		

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The Church God Wants Us To Be

John 20:19-22

INTRO: The Disciples are gathered in the Upper Room at the close of the Resurrection Day; yet, the full impact Christ's resurrection was not yet realized. They are on the Victory side of Death, but not the Victory side in their lives. Like so many today. Dark, dismal day. It is always a dark day when we don't realize the presence of the risen Lord among us (Luke 24:36-45).

1. Presence of Lord Jesus Christ among them, '*stood in their midst.*'
2. Spoke Peace to them, '*Peace be unto you.*' Raging storm - '*Peace, be still.*'
3. Breathed on them and said, '*Receive ye the Holy Ghost (Power).*' (v. 22).
4. Proof, evidence (v. 20) Nail prints in hands, wound in side.
5. Commission (v. 21) Presence, Peace, Power --- '*Now send I you.*'
6. Gladness (v. 20) When they saw the Lord.

I. (Acts 1:8) UNCTIONIZED with Power by Spirit of God.

(Luke 24-49) '*Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*'

(Acts 1:8) '*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.*'

(Acts 2:4) '*And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost....*'

(Acts 4:31) '*And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.*'

3000 saved (2:41)

5000 men (4:4)

Multitudes (4:32)

Multitudes Men & Women (5:14)

II. (Acts 2:1) UNITED in PURPOSE and PLACE.

'*And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*'

(v. 42) '*and they continued stedfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*'

III. (Acts 4:17) UNAFRAID in the Face of Enemy and Oppostion.

(Acts 4:29) '*And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,*'

(Acts 5:29) '*Then Peter and the other qpostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.*' (5:40-41) '*And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 And they departed from the presnce of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.*'

IV. (Acts 4:34-37) UNSELFISH with their POSSESSIONS.

'*Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, 35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. 36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, 37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.*'

V. (Acts 5:42) UNTIRING in their PREACHING JESUS CHRIST.

'*And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.*'

VI. (Acts 1:8) Unto the UTMOST ---

'*...and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*'

GOD Wants His People to have an Exciting - Vibrant - Living FAITH
that will cause us to

Live by Faith

Go - Give - Tell - Show

To the Ends of the Earth

Zealous of Good Works

Get Out of the Comfort Zone

Lay Hold On the Promises of God

In Spite of Problems & Pressures

Nobody wants a Dead - Lifeless - Useless - Worthless Faith.

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‘Glad When They Saw The Lord’

John 20:20

‘Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.’

INTRO: Surely this is the secret of Christian Joy. Everything here pivots on these two words: *‘Then. . . When’*. Didn’t say they were *‘glad’* when they saw themselves, nor when they saw each other, nor when their circumstances eased up and got better, but *when they saw the Lord. The Risen Christ.*

They were hiding, huddling behind closed doors, smitten with fear. They had just cause to be scared. If the people could humiliate and crucify their Lord, what could and would they do His disciples. Notice what happened:

Others that were Glad when they saw the Lord

- | | | |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| • Enoch | • Gideon | • 2 Disciples - Emmaus |
| • Noah | • David | • Stephen - Martyred |
| • Abraham | • Daniel | • Saul - Road to Damascus |
| • Joseph | • 3 Hebrews | • John - Isle of Patmos |
| • Moses | • John Baptist | • You & Me - Saved |
| • Joshua | • Disciples - Storm | • Psalm 17:15 |

I. ASSURANCE --- Our Lord Is Really Alive --- To Good to be True.

Often times Good News seems almost too good to be true and causes us to question, therefore losing the Joy (gladness) of it:

- Jacob hearing that Joseph was alive - Fainted (Gen. 45:26).
- Two disciples on Emmaus Road *‘...believed not for joy.’* (Luke 24:41).
- Rhoda at Peter’s deliverance - *‘his ghost’*. (Acts 12:14).

ILLUST: An inheritance was given to the heirs. Wonderful! but when the \$1000 dollars was divided up among 100 heirs, each received \$10. It lost its value when it was divided among so many. Not so with the Gospel, it is not weakened, nor diminished by sharing it, but increases.

ILLUST: Aunt Belle died and left a \$5000 estate, but when divided it amounted to \$16.50 each. It lost its value, not so salvation.

II. PEACE --- The Fruit of the Spirit is *‘love, joy, peace. . .’* (Gal. 5:22-23).

In the same proportion as we see Him.

III. COMMISSION --- *‘As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you.’*

The Joy of the Lord is not simply for us only, but is to be shared with others.

IV. POWER --- *‘He breathed on them, and saith unto them, receive ye the Holy Ghost.’* The bestowing --- bequeathing of Power.

No use in giving Assurance, if there is no power to use it.

No use in giving Peace & Joy, if there is no power.

No use in giving Commission, if there is no power.

V. I See All of This - - - but It’s different now! Is it?

I believe this is the reason the Holy Spirit placed this before giving us the account of *‘Doubting Thomas’* (John 20:29).

There must first be a **WHEN** before there is a **THEN!**

Sadness turned to Gladness
Doubts turned to Assurance
Fears turned into Faith
Defeat turned into Victory
Weakness turned to Strength
Mourning turned into Praise
Timidity turned into Boldness

Paralysis turned into Action
Death turned into Life
Darkness turned into Light
Bondage turned into Liberty
Flesh turned into Spirit
Horrible Pit turned into Rock
Hell turned into Heaven

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Breakfast With The Lord

John 21:1-25

INTRO: The chief purpose of John's Gospel was summed up in the last two verses of the previous chapter. *'That believing ye might have life through His Name.'* But what are we expected to do with that 'Life' after we believe? John 21 gives us the answer. Service in the energy of the flesh is subject to failure; whereas, under the direction of our Lord through His Word, by His Spirit, our labor is blessed beyond measure: also, our service ought to be governed by the right motive '**Love**' and enduring till either Death or Christ comes which ever should take place first.

I. (1 - 14) LORD'S 3rd RESURRECTION APPEARANCE to DISCIPLES.

A. (1 - 3) PETER'S INFLUENCE UPON THE OTHER DISCIPLES.

Remember no man liveth unto himself (Rom. 14:7)

Peter is not severely criticized for his return to his old ways. It may have been for several reasons.

1. May have been to supply their present needs like Paul's tentmaking (Acts 18:3).
 2. May have been to relax from all the tension of previous days, or
 3. May have been a little of both, not knowing what else to do, to while away the time until Jesus showed Himself.
- but, regardless of Peter's reason, he still influenced the other disciples.

B. (4 - 8) CHRIST'S 3rd APPEARANCE, MIRACLE & RECOGNITION.

1. John is the first to **Recognize** Christ.
2. Peter is the first to **Act**.

C. (9 - 14) BREAKFAST WITH THE LORD.

NOTE: Many think these 153 fishes represent the 153 nations of the world in that day.

II. (15-17) JESUS SEARCHS PETER'S HEART.

Peter now stands by the **Lord's fire** in contrast to the **World's fire** where he denied the Lord three times.

III. (18-19) JESUS FORETELLS PETER'S OLD AGE & DEATH.

Peter's YOUTH characterized by INDEPENDENCE (v. 19)
'...Girdedst thyself, and walketh whither thou wouldst...'
Peter AGED is characterized by his DEPENDENCE (v. 19)

IV. (20-23) PETER'S CONCERN FOR JOHN & CHRIST'S COMMAND.

Christ's First Words to Peter were *'Follow me . . .'*

Christ's Last Words to Peter were *'Follow thou me.'* (vs. 19, 22).

V. (24-25) JOHN'S PERSONAL TESTIMONY & CONCLUSION.

The Apostle John closes this Gospel of John verifying that these things recorded are Testified of, Written, Known and are True. He also, states that though these things are True, they are not the complete record of *'many other things which Jesus did.'* (v. 25). The world is not big enough to contain all the things *'Jesus began both to do and teach.'* (Acts 1:1)

Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

Lovest Thou Me?

John 21:1-25

INTRO: This is the 7th time Jesus showed Himself alive after His resurrection. Three main subjects make up this last Chapter of John's Gospel.

¹ Simon Peter's influence on the other Apostles;

² Peter's three (3) confessions of his '**Love**';

³ Peter and John's future, and then the conclusion of the gospel.

I. (1 - 14) THE 3rd TIME JESUS SHEWS HIMSELF TO HIS DISCIPLES.

(This is the 7th Post-Resurrection appearance of our Lord, but the 3rd appearance to His Disciples.)

RESURRECTION DAY

1. Mary Magdalene (John 20:14).
2. The Other Women (Matt. 28:1-10).
3. Simon Peter (I Cor. 15:5).
4. Two Disciples on Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:31).
5. Ten Apostles at Jerusalem (Luke 24:36) (Thomas absent).

SUNDAY FOLLOWING RESURRECTION

6. The Eleven Apostles, Jerusalem (John 20:26-29) (Thomas present).

TIME UNKNOWN

7. The Seven Apostles, Sea of Galilee (John 21:1-24).
8. The Eleven Apostles, appointed mount in Galilee (Matt. 28:16-17).
9. 500 Brethren at once (I Cor. 15:6) (Place unknown).
10. James (I Cor. 15:7) (Details unknown).

ASCENSION DAY

11. The Eleven Apostles (Luke 24:50 & Acts 1:2-9) (Mt. Olivet).

LATER

12. Stephen (Acts 7:55).
13. Saul (Apostle Paul - Damascus Road) (I Cor. 15:8).

LESSONS: (v. 3)

- #1 We influence others (For Good or Bad). No one lives unto himself.
- #2 Revert back to Old Nature --- Fishers of Fish instead of Fishers of Men.
- #3 How easy to go back --- '*Entered immediately*'.
- #4 Futile & Wasted effort --- Zero --- '*Caught nothing*'.
- #5 Failed to recognize Jesus --- '*Knew not that it was Jesus*'.
- #6 Empty --- '*No. . . meat*'.

OBEDIENCE BRINGS HIS BLESSINGS (v. 6)

- #1 Multitude of Fishes.
- #2 Recognition of Jesus.
- #3 Witnessing to others --- '*It is the Lord*'.
- #4 Nakedness covered.
- #5 Action --- Jumped ship, swam ashore.
- #6 153 Fishes --- Net not broken.
- #7 Come & Dine.

Lovest Thou Me?

John 21:1-25

II. (15-17) PETER'S 3 PROFESSIONS of LOVE.

Peter's 3 Denials prompt these 3 Confessions of Love.

- #1 (v. 15) 'Lovest' (*Agapao*) more than these (other disciples).
'Yea, Lord' (*Phileo*).
'Feed my Lambs.'
- #2 (v. 16) 'Lovest' (*Agapao*)
'Yea, Lord' (*Phileo*).
'Feed my Sheep.'
- #3 (v. 17) 'Lovest' (*Phileo*)
Peter grieved 'Lord . . . Thou knowest I love thee.'
'Feed my Sheep.'

NOTE: 'Feed' (v. 15)
'Tend or Shepherd' (vs. 16, 17)

The thought here is that we are to '**Feed**' the Lambs (Little Ones) and '**Discipline, Tend, & Shepherd**' the Sheep (Older Ones). Oftentimes, we have this reversed, we '**feed**' the Older Ones and '**discipline**' the Babes. But, whatever we do as Pastors (Shepherds) in behalf of the flock, we are to ¹ Be motivated by our **Love** of Jesus. '**Lovest thou Me?**' ² We are to **Feed, Nourish** (not beat, fleece, or skin --- Often hear of preachers '*skinning the flock*' --- you skin only dead sheep, but you shear [prune] live ones.)

III. (18-19) DESCRIBES PETER'S MARTYRDOM (Death).

Peter's **YOUTH** characterized by **INDEPENDENCE** (v. 19).

Peter's **AGED** characterized by **DEPENDENCE** (v. 19).

IV. (20-24) PETER'S CONCERN FOR JOHN'S FUTURE (Death).

- A. (20-21) PETER'S CONCERN FOR JOHN.
- B. (22-23) PETER REBUKED & ADMONISHED TO FOLLOW JESUS.
- C. (24-25) CONCLUSION ---

The Gospels (especially John's Gospel) are not supposed to be a complete account of Christ's Life. There is no end of books, the World could not contain them. Only eternity can express the fulness of Christ.

The Two Sons

Matt. 21:23-32

INTRO: Every Parable is an Earthy Illustration of a great Spiritual Truth. This one is no exception. The Religious Crowd came to Jesus as He was teaching in the Temple and asked Him, *'By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?'* **WHAT THINGS?**

1. **His Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem** (1-11).
2. **Cleansing of the Temple** (12-13).
3. **Healing of the Blind & Lame** (v. 14).
4. **The Wonderful Things He did** (v. 15).
5. **Barren Fig Tree withered** (type of Israel) (18-20).
6. **The Great Promise of Answered Prayer of Faith** (21-22).
7. **Now teaching the People with Authority** (v. 23).

What Right or Authority do you have for doing all these things?

I. (24-27) Jesus Answers Their Question with a Question.

This was a Question they dared not answer.

For either way they answered, it would condemn them.

'The baptism of John, whence was it? from Heaven, or of men?' (v. 25).

If they answered: 1. *'Of heaven'* then why didn't you believe him?

2. *'Of men'* - Afraid of the people (Lu. 20:6) *'Stone us'*
(v. 27) *'We cannot tell'* or really *'We will not tell.'*

So rather than answer their question, Jesus preached them a sermon.

A. The Father & His Vineyard.

1. The Father (Picture of God).
2. The Vineyard (House of Israel)(Isa. 5:7).

B. The Two Sons — Both Sons were wrong! But, one Repented.

1. First Son — Started Wrong — Ended Right.
2. Second Son — Started Right — Ended Wrong.

NOTE: Both Sons were wrong, but the First one repented and did Right. So it is with all of us . . . we have all done wrong, but true Christians are those who have repented and seek to obey and serve Him - - -

While a Self-Righteous hypocrite continues to disobey.

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

Key Verse: (v. 27) *'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; **and thy neighbour as thyself.**'*

INTRO: This is a lesson in **Practical Christianity**. Any person who thinks that he really loves God and his neighbor perfectly does not understand his own sinfulness. Most people are so clannish that they think their neighbors are their friends who love them and that all the rest of the world is distant and none of their responsibility. Strangers are just friends we haven't met yet. People that are different (Color, Race, Language, Dress, Customs or any other way) often are ignored or forgotten, and because we don't know them, we don't feel obligated. Am I my brother's keeper?

Jesus told this story to show us that a neighbor is not just someone we love or who loves us, but anyone who needs our help.

Life is like a long journey, some longer than others. Many think that Life is an **UPWARD** struggle, but in reality, it is **DOWNWARD**. It is not only Dangerous but also very Uncertain.

I. (25-29) THE REASON FOR THIS PARABLE.

II. (30-35) THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN.

A. THE PERSONS OF THE PARABLE:

1. The **Thieves**: Satan and his cohorts (He is a Liar, Thief, Robber, and a Murderer from the beginning, John 8:44.)
2. The **Certain Man**: He is a picture of every man on the dangerous journey of life. This world is so full of danger, enemies lurking at every turn of the road, waiting to rob, steal, wound and to kill. It was a downward journey going from Jerusalem (City of God) to Jericho (City Cursed). It was on this Downward journey that he fell among thieves (Fallen, Striped naked, Bankrupt, Wounded, Forsaken, and Dying). In fact, he was more Dead than Alive, and unable to help himself. Left to himself, he would have perished.

NOTE: This World is so full of suffering. Probably just a short journey, but he almost lost his life. It wasn't his fault and we can't blame him. Much trouble in life is caused by the wickedness and evil of others (Man is man's own worst enemy. Wild beasts are tame by comparison). Also, certain Paths in life are more subject to troubles and dangers than others (Prov. 4:19).

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- a. Where He Went --- Down --- Got in trouble going the wrong way.
 - (1) From **Jerusalem** --- Place of God and His blessing.
 - (2) To **Jericho** --- Place of Curse (Joshua 6:26).
- b. What Happened to Him - - -

3. THE **PASSERS-BY**:

- a. **PRIEST** --- Represents Religion without Heart. Cannot help a sinner. Religion without Christ is helpless, it can do for him (you) exactly what this priest did for this poor man - - - NOTHING.
- b. **LEVITE** --- LAW --- The Law demands what we cannot give. The Law only shows us our desperate need (condition, lostness).

4. THE **GOOD SAMARITAN** (33-35) --- Picture of Jesus Christ.

NOTE: Find eleven (11) things that the Good Samaritan did for him.

1. Came to where he was
2. Saw him
3. Had compassion on him
4. Went to him
5. Bound up wounds
6. Poured in oil & wine
7. Set him on his own beast
8. Brought him to an Inn
9. Took personal care of him
10. Provided for his needs
11. Promised to return

B. THE **MESSAGE** OF THE PARABLE:

1. Where Will Our Help Come From? Not by keeping the Law (the Levite) nor from much Religion (Priest) but from Christ Himself.
2. Compassion --- The only motive for real service (v. 33).
3. The Other Side of the Road is:
 - The easiest side (Priest & Levite saved a lot of time and bother).
 - More Pleasant side (It's not pleasant to get involved with suffering and needy).
 - Least Expensive (Costs something to get involved, and what would they do with him afterward).
 - Least Dangerous (The Thieves might still be in the area).
 - Selfish side (Takes time and self to help others).

III. (36-37) **THE APPLICATION OF THE PARABLE:**

Go and Do Likewise!

NOTE: The Philosophy of:

1. The Robbers - - - What's your's is mine, and I'll take it.
2. The Priest & Levite - - - What's mine is mine, and I'll keep it.
3. The Samaritan - - - What's mine is ours, and we will share it.

FOUR DIFFERENT KINDS OF SINNERS

Luke 10:30-37

INTRO: This '*certain man*' was travelling just a few miles (less than 20 miles), and probably didn't think of it as a '*Life changing adventure*.' Before it was over it became a night-mare with the lose of his wealth, health, and almost his life. What started out as a tragedy, ended in the greatest blessing possible, a new friend that provided for his every need, both **Past, Present and Future**. O! For such a **FRIEND!**

#1 – The VICTIM – Road of Life – Downward.

Wasn't looking for trouble. Just on the wrong road at the right time.'

But --- on a Downward Journey, heading the wrong way.

Nothing is said about his character - - -

but much is said about his NEED.

Robbed - - - Beaten - - - Dying - - - Forsaken - - - Poor - - -

Bankrupt - - - Helpless - - - Hurting - - - Naked - - - Destitute.

Couldn't get much worse than that.

#2 – The THIEVES (Plural, outnumbered him to say the least).

Open - - - Shameless - - - Wicked - - - Ungodly - - - Violent - - -

Ruthless - - - Sinners of the worst sort. No compassion, just greed.

#3 – The PRIEST - - - Religious.

Represents the highest form of Society.

Religious - - - Prayer - - - Care - - - Concern - - -

Compassion - - - God likeness (?) - - - Humility.

#4 – The LEVITE – Speaks of the best of humanity – Legal and Moral.

The Levite did nothing to hurt him - - - Positive.

Also, He did nothing to Help him - - - Negative.

Three Kinds of Saviours

1st – The GOOD SAMARITAN (Type of Christ Who is the Actual Saviour).

Came to where He was, on that downward road.

Personally rescued him.

Attended to his immediate needs - - - Oil, Wine, Wounds, Transportation.

Brought him to the Inn and the Inn Keeper.

Provided for his present needs,

Provided for his future needs.

2nd – The INN (Type of the **Church**)

Shelter - - - Refuge - - - Haven of Rest - - - Shadow of a great Rock in a weary land - - - It had the Samaritan's Blessing and His Commission.

It served His purpose '*Til He came again.*' '*I will Repay thee.*'

3rd – The INN KEEPER (Type of the **Pastor**)(And Staff to nourish and care for him until the good Samaritan returned.

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:30-37

INTRO: The motivation for all that the '**Good Samaritan**' did for the victim was '**Compassion**'. The thieves were moved by Greed, the Priest and Levite were moved by Self; whereas, the Samaritan was moved by 'Compassion', and the Inn-keeper (Host) was moved by Command (commission). What are you moved by '*When Compassion and Commission work together, great things can and do take place.*'

I. (v. 30) **A SINNER.**

- On a Journey - - - Jerusalem to Jericho.
- Downward, not Upward.
- Deliberate.
- Doom - - - Death, Road of Death, not of Life.

III. (v. 30) **The SINNERS - - - the Thieves.**

- Seven Thieves (Psa. 51)

IV. (v. 31) **The SINNERS - - - Priest & Levite.**

- Religious & Legal
- Same road - - - Other side was the - - -
 - Easiest side
 - More pleasant side
 - Least dangerous side
 - Less demanding side
 - Least expensive side

V. (v. 32) **The SAVIOUR - - - The Lord Jesus Christ.**

- Provided a **Full, Free, Forever Salvation.**
- He rescued him from the **Pressure** of sin, **Power** of sin, **Presence** of sin, and the **Penalty** of sin.
- He Came to Him (This is where we were when Jesus found us)
 - He Cured Him
 - He Comforted Him
 - He Cared for Him
 - He Carried Him
 - He Commissioned others
 - He Coming back for Him (Second Coming).
- The same power (beast) by which the Samaritan came to him, was the same power by which He carried him to safety. Amen!

- Stuck up
- Stood up
- Spoke up
- Lifted up
- Beat up
- Passed up
- Showed up
- Tore up
- Bound up

- Cleaned up
- Picked up
- Follow up
- Paid up
- Going up
- Told Stuck up
to Check up
- Confessed up
- Give up 'Go, do'

Sit Down and Count the Cost

Luke 14:25-33

Key Verse: (Luke 14:33) *'Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.'*

INTRO: The most precious thing in the world is your **Soul**. The most expensive thing in the world is true **Discipleship**. His disciples were asked to *'forsake all and follow Him.'*

I. IT COSTS US NOTHING TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN.

Salvation is free - - - Free as the air we breath.

God saves sinners for NOTHING - - - 'It is the Gift of God.'

Forgiveness, Justification, Cleansing, Pardon, Indwelling Holy Spirit,
Eternal Life, Holiness, Inheritance, Sonship, a New Name written down
in Glory and a New Man (Nature).

THOT: Just because it cost you and me nothing, doesn't mean it is cheap. It cost
God His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

ILLUST: Little fella trying to explain to a buddy how that the Church paid their
Preacher **to be good**, but the Deacons **were good for nothing**.

Our salvation is absolutely **FREE** - - - without **Money**, without **Price**.

'Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

Accept the Gift of God and Thank Him for it.

II. Now - - - IT COSTS EVERYTHING (the World) TO BE HIS DISCIPLE.

After Salvation - - - You are left in a World that HATES Jesus Christ.

Absolutely no use for Christ, nor for the Christian who lives for Christ.

Our Lord uses Two (2) Illustrations:

A. CHRISTIAN AS A TOWER:

1. A Tower stands out above all others — He is Peculiar (Distinct).
2. A Tower is for DEFENSE (Observes & warns of the Enemy).
3. A Tower is for REFUGE (Attacks of Satan, World, etc.)

B. CHRISTIAN AS A SOLDIER:

The TOWER shows that the Christian will be attacked by the World.

The SOLDIER shows us that we are to defend, attack & overcome.

III. IT COSTS MORE NOT TO BE A CHRISTIAN:

It costs **Much** to be a **Christian** — but it costs a great deal **More** not to be.

The next two (2) chapters show us that:

1. (Luke 15) **The Prodigal Son** — Found out in Time the cost of not being a Christian.

*'The Prodigal went to the Dogs;
He lost his best Togs, and
Finally wound up with the Hogs.'*

2. (Luke 16) **The Rich Man in Hell** - Found out too late the cost of rejection.

- He never went astray like the Prodigal.
- His money never ran out.
- The depression didn't hit him.
- He was clothed in purple & fine linen everyday.

- - - **Only Thing** - - -

HE LEFT GOD OUT OF HIS LIFE!

He Is Precious

I Peter 2:7

'Unto you therefore which believe he is precious'

INTRO: PRECIOUS - Unique, Rare with Value, of great moral or spiritual worth, Dear or beloved.

- I. **SINNER** – Saviour, Substitute, Atoning sacrifice for Sin -- Our Sin Bearer.
- II. **STRANGER** – Son of God, A Friend that sticketh closer,
- III. **SAVED** – Surety, Our Redeemer
- IV. **SAD** – Joy, Hope
- V. **SICK** – Surgeon, the Great Physician
- VI. **SERVANT** – Strength, Service, Sufficiency
- VII. **SAILOR** – The Star, Bright & Morning Star, Anchor
- VIII. **SHEEP** – Shepherd, Pastor
- IX. **SOLDIER** – Captain, Commander-in-Chief, Sword of the Spirit
- X. **SAINTS** – Satisfier, Sweetness,
- XI. **SUFFERING** – Strength, Balm of Gilead
- XII. **SEED** – Sower
- XIII. **SORROW** – Comforter
- XIV. **SONS** – Father, Sovereign, Seal

ILLUST: Christian trying to lead his Banker to the Lord. Who sets the terms? You or the customer? A Poor, Bankrupt, Sinner, Dead in trespasses and sins --- must come God's way. We have no bargaining rights, we have sinned and God's Grace provides the only way.